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# ANNUAL REPORT

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CONVENED IN

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# Obituary.

# LIFE DIRECTORSAND MEMBERS DECEASED.

1880-81.

#### DIRECTORS.

Backus, Mrs. Betsey, Palmyra, N. Y. Barney, E. E., Dayton. Ohio.
Bennett, Rev. Ira, Shortsville, N. Y. Bishop, Nathan, LL.D., New York.
Capwell, Albert B., Brooklyn, N. Y. Doolittle, Rev. Horace D., Clinton, N. J. Hill, Rev. Benj. M., D. D., New Haven, Conn. Sears, Rev. Barnas, D.D., LL. D., Staunton, Va. Shailer, Rev. Wm. H., D. D., Portland, Me. Sherwood, Rev. A., St. Louis, Mo. Sproul, Rev. Samuel, Mount Olive, N. J. Wheat, Rev. A. C., Sunbury, Pa.

#### MEMBERS.

Achilles, Henry L , Albion, N. Y.
Adams, Jedediah E., New York.
Adlam, Rev. Samuel, D. D., Newport, R. I.
Barrell, Mrs. Clarinda, Fredonia, N. Y.
Brown, Rev. Edwin C., Galva, Ill.
Chandler, Rev. George C., D. D., Forest Grove, Oregon.
Cox, Mrs. Mary B., Sandy Ridge, N. J.
Cox, Rev. Morgan R., Sandy Ridge, N. J.
Fisher, Rev. Otis, Englewood, Ill.
Johnson, Rev. Charles H., Wappinger's Falls, N. Y.
Johnson, Rev. Solomon B., St. Louis, Mo.
Ludlow, John R., New York.
Milbank, Miss Eliza W., New York.
Morey, Rev. Reuben, Waukesha, Wis.
Palmer, Rev. Nelson, Athens, N. Y.
Powell, Rev. Thomas, Ottawa, Ill.
Putnam, John, Boston, Mass.
Platt, George W., New York.
Shirley, Rev. P. P., Kearney, Neb.
Sikes, Rev. James N., Agawam, Mass.
Stickney, William S., Washington, D. C.
Swan, Rev. Charles Y., Newark, N. J.
Townsend, Miss Louisa L., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Zebly, John F., New York.

# STATED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, 1881-82.

Second Monday in each month, at three o'clock P. M.

## BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD.

- 1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer, after which the roll shall be called.
- 2. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and approved by the Executive Board, unless otherwise specially ordered.
- 3. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury but by order of the Executive Board.
- 4. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.
- 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Executive Board, the fact shall be entered on the minutes, and, at the next stated meeting, the Board shall proceed to fill such vacancy by ballot.
- 6. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman of the Board, or by the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, upon the written request of three or more members of the Board. But no business shall be transacted at such special meetings other than that specified in the call.
- No By-Law of the Board shall be suspended for any temporary purpose, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Prayer.
- 2. Calling of the Roll.
- 3. Reading of the Minutes of last Meeting.
- 4. Report of Treasurer.
- 5. Communications from the Corresponding Secretary.
- 6. Reports from Standing Committees.
- 7. Miscellaneous Business.

# STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.	MISSIONS.	EDUCATION.
J. В. Нотт,	E. T. Hiscox,	EDWARD LATHBOP
JOHN H. DEANE,	J. F. ELDER,	EMORY J. HAYNES,
S. S. Constant,	D. B. JUTTEN,	J. P. TOWNSEND,
WM. A. CAULDWELL,	J. B. THOMAS,	WM. H. JAMESON,
Jos. Brokaw.	JOHN PEDDIE.	EDWARD JUDSON.
CHURCH EDII	FICE.	ADVISORY.
W. H. PARM	LY,	S. S. CONSTANT,
WM. PHELPS	,	J. В. Нохт,
Jos. Brokaw	7,	H. L. Morehouse,
ALBERT G.	Lawson,	J. F. ELDER,
B. F. Judso	N.	JOHN H. DEANE.

# Officers of the Society and Executive Board.

#### OFFICERS.

President-Hon. JAMES L. HOWARD, Conn.

Vice-Presidents
HON. J. H. WALKER, Mass.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELI, ER, Esq., Ohio.

Treasurer-JOSEPH B. HOYT, Esq., Conn.

Auditors- WILLIAM PHELPS, Esq., N. Y. JOSEPH BROKAW, Esq., N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. HENRY L. MOREHOUSE, D.D., N. Y. Recording Secretary—Rev. D. B. JUTTEN, N. Y.

#### MANAGERS.

FIRST CLASS, expiring in 1882.	SECOND CLASS, expiring in 1883.
REV. W. H. PARMLY, D.D Jersey City, N. J.	Rev. J. B. THOMAS, D.DBrooklyn, N. Y.
REV. J. F. ELDER, D.DNew York.	REV. EMORY J. HAYNES Brooklyn, N. Y.
8. S. CONSTANT, EsqNew York.	REV. JOHN PEDDIE, D.DNew York.
W. H. JAMESON, Esq Brooklyn, N. Y.	B. F. JUDSON, EsqNew York.
. P. TOWNSEND, EsqNew York.	REV. ALBERT G. LAWSON Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### THIRD CLASS. expiring in 1884.

JOHN H. DEANE, Esq	New York.
WM. A. CAULDWELL, Esq	New York.
REV. E. T. HISCOX, D.D	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
REV. E. LATHROP, D.D	Stamford, Conn.
REV. FDW. JUDSON	Orange, N. J.

Chairman of the Executive Board. S. S. CONSTANT.

Recording Secretary of the Board, and Assistant Treasurer Church Edifice Fund. J. GREENWOOD SNELLING.

Assistant Treasurer.

JAMES M. WHITEHEAD.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary.
WILLIAM W. BLISS.

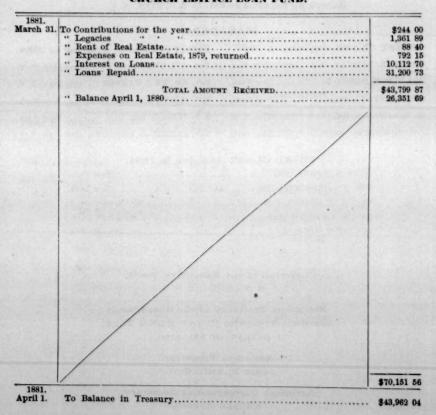
## Joseph B. Hoyt, Treasurer, in account with

#### Dr.

#### MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

1881. March 31.	To Cash received as per detailed statement on page 13.	\$169,312 77
	" Balance against the Society	29,955 36
		\$199,268 13

#### CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND.



the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

## MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

Cr.

1881. March 31.	By Balance as per last Report	\$18,373 75
	" Expenditures as per detailed statement on page 12.	180,894 38
		\$199,268 13
1881. April 1.	By Balance against the Society	\$29,955 3

#### CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND.

1881. March 31	By Cash Loans made during the year, viz.:	are last	2,05	
march of	General Fund	\$12,000 00		
	Prescott, Arizona	250 00		
	Leadville Col	500 00		
	Dell Rapids, Dak	250 00		
	Ottawa. Kan., Col'd	300 00		
	Cedar Rapids, Neb	350 00		
	Burrton, Kan	350 00		
	Elk Falls, Kan	300 00		
	Emporia, Kan, Col'd	250 00		
	Hutchinson, Kan	300 00		
	Omaha Neb., Scandinavians	1.500 00		
	Springfield, Ill., Col'd	750 00		
	Geneva, Neb	100 00		
	Ida Grove, Iowa	500 00		
	North Topeka, Kan. Col'd	300 00		
	Murfreesboro', Tenn., Col'd			
	Mullicesoulo, Italia, col a	- 000 00	\$18,600	00
	paid Corresponding Secretary, Salary	\$600 00	\$10,000	00
	Expenses	34 31		
	Expenses	01 01	634	31
	" Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, etc		1.027	
	" Missionaries to insure care of Loans		1.586	
			1,300	
	" Annuities		1,095	
			1,055	
	Conto Or Atoms Assessed Little Control	1	951	
	Repairs on Church at White Tiams, M. L		991	. 33
	Aliscollandous, viz.	4000 00		
	Rent. Fuel, Water and Care of Rooms			
	Postage	66 37		
	Printing and Stationery	119 61		
	Advertising	38 94		
	Safe Deposit Vault	18 00		
	Insurance	1 31		
	Anniversary Expenses	41 67		
	Home Mission Monthly	145 62		
	Incidental	169 68	937	20
			04.400	-
	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON OF		26,189	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	POSINE TO L	43,962	04
	" Balance in the Treasury April 1. 1851	The state of	400.000	-
		150	\$70,151	56

# Joseph B. Hoyt, Treasurer, in account with

### Dr.

## CHURCH EDIFICE, BENEVOLENT FUND.

1881. March 31.	To Contributions for the year	\$535 20 7,000 00
	THE ENGLISH CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE P	
	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$7,535 20
1881. April 1.	To Balance in Treasury	\$6,773 9

#### TRUST FUNDS.

To Amour	nt of Trust Funds, as per last Report		\$135,916	91
		57 82	45,585	33
			\$181 502	24
1881. April 1.	To Balance of Trust Funds		\$180,502	24

#### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS, LEGACIES, ETC.

General Contributions from Churches and Individuals.  Contributions for Schools and Buildings.  " Church Edifice Loan Fund.  " " Benevolent Fund.	23,108	47 07 20	*100.074	40
Legacies, Missions and Freedmen	1,361	14 89	\$109,974	
Received from Students for their board and tuition			34,537 21,276 10,112 13,546	33
Loans Repaid during the year			\$189,447 31,200	
TRUST FUNDS		1	\$220,647	84

# the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

## CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Cr.

1881. March 31.	By Gift to Church at Forest City, Minn.  " Cash paid Architects for Plans for Church Edifices  " for Lithographing Plans, etc.	\$200 0 520 0 41 3
	" Balance in the Treasury April 1, 1881	\$761 3 6,773 9
		\$7,535 2

#### TRUST FUNDS.

By amount transferred to General Contributions from Conditional Funds, the an- nuitant having died.  Balance	\$1,000 00
	\$181.502 24

#### AUDITORS CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the accompanying accounts, and have compared the entries with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct. We have also examined the securities of the Society, and find them to agree with the entries in the Treasurer's books.

Signed, WM. PHELPS.

JOSEPH BROKAW. Auditors.

NEW YORK, May 3, 1881.

# EXPENDITURES OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY ON ACCOUNT OF MISSIONS AND EDUCATION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1881.

ash paid	Missionaries since last Report, viz. :			
	to the English-speaking	\$33,679	58	
	" Germans	6 390 3	37	
	" Freedmen			
	" Scandinavians			
	" French	2,824		
	" Indians			
	·· Chinese	675		
	" Russians	353	50	
	FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS.			\$54,759 51
98 64	Wayland Seminary—		1	
	Salary of Rev. G. M. P. King, Principal \$1.699 94		1	
	" " Assistant Teachers			
	Insurance 27 20			
	Expense Account 2,414 61		1	
	Seminary Building         285 01           New Building         1.803 70			
	New Building			
	Dishmand Institute	7,832	46	
11838	Richmond Institute— Salary of Rev. C. H. Corey, Principal \$1,500 00		-	
	" "Assistant Teachers			
	Insurance			
	Expense Account 3,630 90			
	Site for New Building			
	New Building 50 00			
		11,948	09	
46 44	Shaw University—	1		
	Salary of Rev. H. M. Tupper, Principal \$1,500 00			
	" " Assistant Teachers 3 025 00			
	Expense Account 5,915 08 Dining Hall and Chapel 548 35			
	Dining Hall and Chapel 548 35			
	Medical Building 1,900 00	)		
		12,898	43	
44 44	Benedict Institute—			
	Salary of Rev. E. J. Goodspeed, D.D., Principal. \$1,275 02			
	" " Assistant Teachers 2.137 47			
	Insurance			
	Taxes 103 90		15	
	Expense Account 4,852 45 New Buildings 6,083 00		-	
	New Buildings 6,083 00			
	Furniture, Furnaces and Stoves			
	4434-0	16,136	19	
	Atlanta Seminary—			
	Salary of Rev. J. T. Robert, LL. D., Principal \$1,500 00			
	" "Assistant Teachers 1,395 00		- 1	
	Insurance. 89 50			
	Expense Account 2,272 33		00	
44 44	Nashville Institute-	5,256	83	
	Salary of Rev. D. W. Phillips, D.D., Principal \$1,513 65			
	" Assistant Teachers 4.401 62	A SCHOOL STATE		
	Insurance		- 1	
	Expense Account 9,844 03		-14	
		16,422	55	
	Natchez Seminary	10,422	30	
	Salary of Rev. Charles Ayer, Principal \$1,500 00	1 1 1 1 1 1	1	
	" Assistant Teachers 1 533 39			
	Traveling Expenses of Rev. Charles Ayer 40 20			
	Insurance 382 50			
	Furniture 117 00			
	Expense Account 2,644 73	10366	-	
		6,217	75	
	Amount carried Forward		00	\$54,759

		Amount brought Forward	\$76,702 30	\$54,759 59
		FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS,-Continued.	and the second	
Cash	paid	Leland University—	1000	
	-	Salary of Rev. S. J. Axtell, Jr., Principal \$1,500 00		
		" Assistant Teachers 1,500 0	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	
		Designated 269 50		
		0.1 0.11	3,269 50	
		Selma School— Salary of Assistant Teachers	1 701 00	
		Satary of Assistant Teachers	1,701 38	
		Florida Institute-		
		Salary of Rev. J. L. A. Fish, Principal		
		" Assistant Teacher 400 00	1.50.White	
		Expense Account       388 74         Building       1 238 05         Furniture       232 67		
		Building 1.238 05		
		Furniture 232 67	0.040.00	
		Marshall School—	2,842 79	
		Purchase of School Property \$1,611 75	- NOW	
		Appropriations not yet expended 2,500 00		
			4,111 75	
44	**	Indian University—		
		Salary of A. C. Bacone, Principal \$440 00		
	TUTT	Expense Account		
		Designated 70 00	638 00	
			033 00	
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS		89,265 72
44	**	Government Schools, Indian Territory—		
		Teachers' Salaries, viz.:	430000	
		Rev. G. W. Dallas	\$575 00	
		Rev. J. R. Banks	575 00	
		Rev. J. P. Lawton	443 40	
		Mr. J. B. H. O'Reilly	578 50	
		Mr. T N. Johnson	250 00	
		Miss Sarah H. Champney Miss Mary A. Rounds	227 70 450 00	
		Expense Account	259 10	
		Zapenec neconativities in the second	200 10	3,358 70
44	41	Corresponding Secretary—	3313704701	
		Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D., Salary		
		Traveling Expenses	137 23	0 707 00
	**	District Secretaries		2,537 23
		District Secretaries— Rev. A. P. Mason, D.D., Salary		
		Traveling Expenses 355 53	\$2 355 53	
		Rev. C. P. Sheldon, D.D., Salary 2,000 00		
		Traveling Expenses	2,431 26	
		Rev. Thomas Swaim, D.D., Salary 2,075 00		
		Traveling Expenses 426 40	2,501 40	
		Rev. Wm. M. Haigh, D.D., Salary	9.908 98	
		Traveling Expenses 438 73  Rev. James Cooper, D.D., Salary	2 305 37	
		Traveling Expenses 417 77	1,934 93	
				11.528 49
44	**	Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretary, etc. at the Rooms		4,109 16
44	**	Designated Funds, per desire of Donors, Missions	\$2 269 20	
		Freedmen	420 49	0.000.00
44	**	Interest on Downwood Money		2.689 69 1,307 47
**	**	Interest on Borrowed Money		4,016 45
**	**	Expenses attending care of Real Estate, Taxes, Legal Expenses,		1,010 10
		etc	500	1,635 31
**		General Association of Illinois, sent to the Society by mistake.		21 80
			1.	
		Amount carried Forward		\$175,229 61

	Amount brought Forward		\$175,229	61
Cash paid Miscellaneo	us—	SAUSTAL .		
	Rent, Fuel, Water and Care of Rooms	\$1,344 00		
	Printing and Stationery	465 14		
	" Annual Report	210 29		
	Anniversary Expenses	190 20		
	Home Mission Monthly	2,158 51		
	Postage	261 40		
	Insurance on Office Furniture	5 24		
	Certificates for Life Members	25 00		
	Advertising	185 75		
	Expense Collecting Legacies	215 98		
	Rent of Safe Deposit Vaults	77 00		
	Office Furniture	182 40		
	Extra Help at Rooms	174 25		
	Incidental Expenses	169 61	5,664	77
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR		180,894	38
	Balance against the Society April 1, 1880		18,373	78
			\$199,268	13

# RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS AND EDUCATION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1881.

Contributions for Missions	\$81,398 2,868			
		_	\$84,266	74
" Specially Designated—Missions Freedmen	\$1,271 548			
Legacies, Missions	\$20,021 6,154	14	1,820	08
	0,202	-	26,175	14
Total of General Contributions and Legacies, not including Contributions for the Schools			\$112,261	96
FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS.				
Wayland Seminary—				
Contributions for Wayland Seminary \$1.131 14		1		
Cash from Students of " " 982 66		3.		
Cash from Sale of Land				
Contributions for New Building 1,755 00	*****	-		
Richmond Institute—	\$4,153	81		
Contributions for Richmond Institute \$1,618 69				
Cash received from New York Colonization Society 300 00	0.005			
" from Students of Richmond Institute 1,481 95		18		
Contributions for New Building 50 00	1000	1		
Shaw University—	3,450	64		
Contributions for Shaw University \$316 65				
Cash from Students of Shaw University	15.00	1		
Cash from Students for Dining Hail and Chapel 548 35				
Contributions for Medical Building 1,900 00				
	8,361	43		
Benedict Institute—	1 175534			
Contributions for Benedict Institute \$1,021 13				
Cash received from New York Colonization Society 125 00				
Cash from Students of Benedict Institute 2,695 18				
Contributions for "Colby Hall"				
" Furnishing "Colby Hall" 837 25 " Repairing Benedict Institute 500 00		-		
Repairing benedict institute 500 00	6,528	56		
Amount carried Forward	200 404	44	2119 961	00

Amount brought Forward	22,494 44	\$112,261 96
FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS.—Continued.		
Atlanta Seminary— Contributions for Atlanta Seminary		
	1,635 40	
Nashville Institute—         \$3,766 55           Contributions for Nashville Institute	11.325 02	
Natchez Seminary         \$573 01           Contributions for Natchez Seminary         \$573 01           Cash from Students of Natchez Seminary         2,016 64           Surplus of last year returned         21 09	11,323 02	
	2,610 74	
Leland University— Contributions for Leland University	309 50	
Contributions for Leiand University	309 30	
Selma School— Contributions for Selma School	173 60	
Florida Institute—	1.900 85	
Marshall School—	1,000 00	
Contributions for Marshall School	4,043 35	
Indian University— Contributions for Indian University	223 00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS	220 00	44,715 9
Cash received from U. S. Government for Schools in the Indian Territory		3,276 3
" the Atlantic Bank		426 9
" " Home Mission Monthly"		1,238 1 243 0
" " Sundry Invested Funds		4,255 3
" Sale and Rent of Real Estate		2,866 1
" " Sale of Old Furniture		29 0
TOTAL RECEIPTS " Balance against the Society April 1, 1831		169,312 7 \$29,955 3

In addition to the above, \$45,585.33 have been added to the Trust Funds of the Society during the year.

#### PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY.

#### I.—REAL ESTATE.

Under this head we present two classes of property-

First .- Such as are in use for Freedmen work : Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C. Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C. Atlanta Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Nashville Institute, Nashville, Tenn. Natchez Seminary, Natchez, Miss. Bishop College, Marshall, Texas.

Leland University, at New Orleans, La.; Shaw University, at Raleigh, N. C.; Richmond Institute, at Richmond, Va.; Florida Institute, at Live Oak, Fla., and The Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School, at Selma, Ala., are each incorporated, and their property is managed by a Board of Trustees. We are, however, cooperating with them in paying the salaries of teachers and other current expenses.

Second. - Such lands as the Society has received by donations and otherwise :

One piece of property in Nashville, Tenn.

Lands in Marathon county, Wis.; St. Helena, S. C.; Cooperstown, N. Y.;
Wakefield, Mass.; Chautauqua county, Kan.; Grant county, Wis.; Seward county, Neb.; Putnam county, Fla.; Allegan county, Mich.

\*Three houses and lots in Brooklyn, N. Y. \*One piece of property in Long Island City, N. Y. A house and lot, Winona, Minnesota.

Your Board intend to sell these lands as soon as purchasers can be found to buy them at reasonable prices.

#### II.-PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS.

By these we mean donations to the Society, to be invested, and the interest alone applied annually to the purposes of the Society.

mone appared annually to the	Parposes	or the beererj.	
G. N. Bleecker Fund	\$17,000 00	Mrs. Emily S. Colby Fund	\$700 00
Martha Whiting "	. 1,000 00	George J. Sherman "	
Horace Kendall "	. 1,000 00	Rev. S. S. Bradford "	1,000 00
Mary A. Noble Swaim Fund	, 9,400 00	Mrs. H. E. Axtell ".	311 11
Theron Fisk Fund	2,500 00	Lyman Eldridge "	75 00
Mrs. Susan Tripp Fund	500 00	Lyman Eldridge " Isaac Davis	8,100 00
Henry Darling "	1,000 00	Rev. C. W. Waterhouse "	1 000 00
Mrs. Eliza Roberts "	3,000 00		
Wm. Ham "	100 00	Martha Rogers "	500 00
Levi Selleck "	1,000 00	J. V. Ambler "	
Mrs. Nancy P. Pease "		S. W. Norcross "	500 00
Endt. Richm'd Inst. "	2,896 74	Nancy Potter Barney	
" Undesignated "	1,035 27	Memorial	5,000 00
Rev. John Blain "	1,000 00	Wm. Cheever "	7,657 82
Endt. Benedict Inst. Fund	19,332 13		
" Shaw University "	66 00		\$95,913 57
" Wavland Sem'y "			

<sup>\*</sup>Titles derived from foreclosure or settlement of mortgages, and the property held for Trust Fund.

#### III. - CONDITIONAL TRUST FUNDS.

By these we mean donations to the Society on conditions named by the donors:—(1.) That the donors themselves have the right to draw an annuity during their natural life. (2.) Annuities payable to parties designated by the donors. (3.) Donations, the interest of which is to be added to the principal until such time as the donors shall direct said sums to be spent for the purposes of the Society.

*Eliza Skaats	Charles H. Nichols	\$1,400	00	Mrs. Sarah A. Willard	\$500	00
Benjamin Cressy			3.7			
Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total						32
Ebenezer Morgan				t — —		
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#### IV.—CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Loans to Churches and Investments on account of the Fund	\$147,782	99
Loaned to General Fund	30,500	00
Interest due	14,740	72
Cash on hand.	43,962	
Real Estate (estimated)	2,000	00

Total Fund.....\$238,985 75

<sup>\*</sup>Two-thirds of this amount is held in trust, to be equally divided between the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union and the Am. and For. Bible Society.

<sup>†</sup> Donors who do not wish their names made public

## FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 24, 1881.

The Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was called to order at 9:30 A. M., in the First Baptist Church, by the President, Hon. Wm. Stickney, of Washington, D. C. Scriptures were read by Rev. J. Donnelly, Jr.; prayer was offered by T. J. Morgan, D. D.

The President, after opening remarks, announced the Committee of Arrangements: Rev. H. C. Mabie, Ind.; Rev. J. Donnelly, Jr., Mich.; W. M. Haigh, D. D., Ill.; Rev. J. T. Seeley, N. Y.; Rev. F. Clatworthy, Ohio.

Rev. D. C. Potter, N. Y., was chosen Recording Secretary, protem.

Dr. H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary, read the Annual Report of the Executive Board.

At its conclusion the whole congregation joined in singing the Doxology.

Rev. J. Donnelly, for the Committee of Arrangements, presented the following report.

#### ORDER OF EXERCISES.

#### TUESDAY FORENOON, MAY 24TH.

10:00 o'clock.—Annual Report of the Board; Treasurer's Report; Report of Committee on Obituaries, by S. D. Phelps, D. D., Hartford, Conn.
10:30 o'clock.—General Conference on the Evangelization of Foreign Populations in our Country.

1. Report of Committee on Chinese Missions; by Rev.

A. S. Coats, Rochester, N. Y. (late of Portland, Oregon), considered until 11 o'clock. 2. Report of Committee on Missions among European Populations in America; by Rev. W. W. Hammond, Detroit, Mich. 3. Address: "Influence of the Foreign Element in Western Civilization;" by W. W. Boyd, D. D., St. Louis, Mo. Subject considered until 12 o'clock. General Business.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Recess for Meetings of Committees and Women's Home Mission Meeting.

#### TUESDAY EVENING.

7:30 o'clock.—Special Addresses on Our Western Work. 1. Report of Committee on Western Missions; by J. A. Smith, D. D., Chicago, Ill. 2. Address: "The New Southwest;" by Rev. B. H. Yerkes, Denver, Col. 3. Address: "Dakota and the New Northwest;" by Rev. E. Ellis, General Missionary, Sioux Falls, Dakota. 4. Address: "What the Home Mission Society has done for the West, and What Remains to be Done;" by Jas. Cooper, D. D., Dist. Secretary, Detroit, Mich.

#### WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

9:00 o'clock.—Devotional Exercises.

9:30 o'clock.—Report of Committee on Enrollment; General Business.

10:00 o'clock.—General Conference on Western Missions and Church Edifice Work.

1. Report of Committee on Church Edifice Work; by E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., General Missionary, Omaha, Neb.

2. Address: "Relation of Church Edifices to Successful Missionary Work;" by Rev. L. C. Barnes, St. Paul, Minn.

3. Address: "Eight Hundred Houseless Baptist Churches in the West; What shall we do about it?" by Jno. H. Deane, Esq., N. Y. Subject considered until 12 o'clock.

12 o'clock.—Election of Officers; General Business.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30 o'clock.—General Conference on Our Work Among the Freedmen and the Indians. Singing by Nashville Students, conducted by Rev. L. B. Fish, Nashville, Tenn. 1. Report of Committee on Work Among the Freedmen; by S. Haskell, D. D., Ann Arbor, Mich. 2. Address: "Influence of Nashville Institute;" by D. W. Phillips, D. D., President, Nashville, Tenn. 3. Address: "Condition and Prospects of the Freedmen in the Southwest;" by S. W. Marston, D. D., St. Louis, Mo. Subject considered until 4:30. 4. Report of Committee on Work Among the Indians; by E. B. Hulbert, D. D., Chicago, Ill. 5. Addresses: By Rev. D. Rogers, General Missionary for Ind. Ter.; Rev. WM. Hurr, Native Missionary to the Sacs and Foxes; and Chief Keokuk. Consideration of the subject. General business.

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7:30 o'olock.—Special Addresses on "Our Work Among the Freedmen;" Singing by Nashville Students. 1. Address: "Condition and Prospects of the Freedmen in the Mississippi Valley;" by Rev. A. H. Воотн, General Missionary, Clinton, Miss. 2. Address: "What has been done at Selma;" by Rev. H. Woodsmall, Selma, Ala. 3. Address: "Our Work at Nashville;" by Prof. L. B. Tefft, Nashville, Tenn. 4. Address: "Christian Education, the Supreme Need of the Freedmen;" by Hon. Geo. W. Williams, Columbus, O. Adjournment.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Enrollment: Rev. Geo. E. Leonard, Ind.; Rev. W. E. Powell, W. Va.; Rev. W. Whitney, Minn.; Thos. Swaim, D. D., Pa.; E. M. Thresher, Esq., Ohio.

On Nominations: J. B. Thomas, D. D., N. Y.; F. M. Ellis, D. D., Mass.; H. S. Burrage, D. D., Me.; Geo. C. Lorimer, D. D., Ill.; Caleb Van Husen, Esq., Mich.; Ebenezer Morgan, Esq., Conn.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read by J. G. Snelling, Assistant Treasurer.

Upon special motions, it was voted to appoint three new Committees to report upon items in the Report of the Board; a Committee upon Mexican Missions, upon Missions in Utah, and upon the Society's Semi-Centennial Celebration in 1882.

S. D. Phelps, D. D., Conn., Chairman, read the Report of the Committee on Obituaries, as follows:

Every passing year witnesses to the departure from earth, to their reward in Heaven, of some of our honored and earnest associates and fellow-laborers. year in review is memorable for the list of noble names entered upon this roll. As they were called hence one after another, the sad and sacred lament might have had frequent repetition: "There is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel". day in Israel. Among these are two who have held the office of Corresponding

Secretary.

Secretary.

Nathan Bishop, LL. D., died at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 7, in the seventy-third year of his age. Born in Oneida County, New York, in 1808, the son of a farmer; after his conversion, he obtained, chiefly by his own efforts, a thorough education, graduating at Brown University in 1837. The next year he was appointed a tutor in the University, and the year following Superintendent of Public Schools in Providence, serving with great wisdom and efficiency in that position for fifteen years, when he was chosen to a similar office in Boston, and while there received a high honor from Harvard College. For many years he was a member of the Corporation of Brown University, first as a Trustee and then as a Fellow. In 1855 Dr. Bishop removed to New York City, married the widow of Garrat N. Bleecker, an intelligent Christian lady, who heartily entered into his plans of beneficent usefulness, which the ample means of both enabled into his plans of beneficent usefulness, which the ample means of both enabled them to carry out so successfully. His life was active in various directions, and his wise counsel and sound judgment were in frequent demand. As a member of the Board of Charities and Correction, of the United States Christian Commission, of the Trustees of Vassar College, of the American Tract Society and of the Missionary Union; as a member of the New York Sabbath Committee, and of a Committee of the Evangelical Alliance to visit Russia to secure religious liberty for Missionaries in that Empire; and also as one of the original Board of Indian Commissioners chosen by President Grant; his services were arduous and unremitting, as well as highly important and influential. But his chief interest was in the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Becoming a member of its Executive Board in 1865, and Chairman of the Committee on Education, he was leaved in 1867, and the committee of the freedman. In 1874 he was largely influential as to its policy and work for the freedmen. In 1874 he was chosen Corresponding Secretary, and for two years, at a critical period, he served the Society gratuitously, nobly carrying forward its interests; and, in voluntarily giving up the charge, made, jointly with his excellent wife, the princely gift of

\$30,000 as a Centennial offering toward cancelling its debt; and this sum doubled, would not reach the aggregate of their contributions to this cause. Other Societies and objects received from him magnificent donations, as well as active sympathy. Uniting a humble piety with high culture, a large heart with practical sagacity, the noblest impulses with the truest sacrifices, he was the ideal

Christian layman.

Albert B. Capwell, Esq., two weeks later, August 23, was called to his reward.

Born at Middlebury, Genesee County, N. Y., December 12, 1818, he graduated at Yale College in 1843; was for a year principal of Wyoming Academy, N. Y., student two years at the Harvard Law School; and, in 1846, engaged in the legal profession in New York City. His ability, joined to Christian integrity, early brought him forward into positions of usefulness and honor. In 1848, he was elected a member of the Board of this Society, and was continued as such, with the exception of one year, to the close of his life. For four years he was the Becording Secretary: Auditor for seven years; Chairman of the Board and of the Recording Secretary; Auditor for seven years; Chairman of the Board and of the Advisory Committee from 1871 to 1880, and the Society's legal adviser during the whole time of his connection with it. These valuable services, and many others, promotive of the interests of the denomination, he rendered without compensation. Deeply interested in educational matters, he was a Trustee of the Rochester Theological Seminary and President of the Board. He was a founder, Trustee, and Deacon of Strong Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn. He was often called by his brethern to preside at Associational and other meetings, and by his wise counsel and manly bearing, won their confidence and esteem. He carried his Christian principles into his profession, and made them the rule and the adornment of his useful life.

Benjamin M. Hill, D. D., held the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Society from 1840 to 1862, the long period of twenty-two years. He was born in Newport, R. I., April 5, 1793, and died in New Haven, Conn., January 15 last, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Converted and baptized at the age of nineteen, in Thompson, Conn., he was ordained pastor in Stafford, in that State, six years later, and from 1821 to 1830, served in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., and the ten years following, was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Troy, N. Y. These pastorates, both successful, proved him an able minister of the Gospel. His Secretaryship of the Society began only eight years after its organization. To the faithful discharge of his duties, he added a prudent forethought as to the needs and a careful watchfulness over the interests of the Society. He aided not a little in projecting the plans and organizing the forces that have since, as the denomination has in-

creased, been broadened and supplemented, with those cheering results which he lived to witness with joy.

Barnas Sears, D. D., LL. D., though not officially connected with the Society as were the preceding, yet as a director and eminent Christian educator, was deeple interested in the chief. deeply interested in its objects. A farmer's boy on the hills in Western Massachusetts, where he was born at Sandisfield, May 19, 1802, he was graduated at Brown University in 1825; studied theology at Newton Institution; was ordained pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hartford, Conn., in 1827; became Professor in the Hamilton Literary and Theological Institution in 1829; went to Germany for further study in 1833, and the next year baptized Rev. J. G. Oncken and his six associates at Hamburg. On his return he was chosen Professor, and subsequently President, of Newton Theological Institution; was two years Secretary of the Board of Education in Massachusetts; in 1855 succeeded Dr. Wayland as President of Brown University; retained that office for twelve years, when he was appointed General Agent of the Peabody Education Fund, and made his residence at Staunton, Va. To a genial and noble manhood, he added the refined and erudite scholar, filling with eminent ability and usefulness, every position to which he was called, and closing a long and honored life at Saratoga Springs, July 6, at the age of seventy-eight.

The other precious names of worthy ministers and brethern, that make up the list of eleven life Directors and twenty-four life members who have died within the year, our space forbids us to record here, though they will be found in the Annual Report. We cannot forbear, however, to mention such devoted and well-known servants of God as William H. Shailer, D. D., of Portland, Me., for forty years an honored pastor, and for several years holding official relations to the Missionary Union; Adiel Sherwood, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., a good minister of Jesus Christ, and for some time President of the College at Alton, Ill.; George C. Chandler, D. D., of Forest Grove, Oregon, also a pioneer educator and preacher in the Far West; Charles Y. Swan, D. D., a beloved pastor at Newark, N. J., and the son of a veteran and honored evangelist still living; Rev. Thomas Powell, a worthy and able missionary of the Society in Illinois as early as 1836; William S. Stickney, of Washington, D. C., the only son of the Society's honored

President. "The memory of the just is blessed."

The labors and prayers of some of these venerable servants of God, covered the whole period of the history and achievements of our organization. Aiding it in its feebleness, they witnessed with joy its extended prosperity, and its later enlargement and triumphs. We may not know how vastly they contributed to its ever-deepening progress and success. They have been and will continue to be vital elements of its augmenting forces. No longer personally with us, they yet live in our life and work. As one has said with point, of laborers in another sphere: "We are to give the dead their due share of the victory and the honors of victory. Not only they who return, but they who fall, are in the lists of triumph. As it is the ammunition spent that gains the battle, so the dead and dumb heroes are the purchase money of our redemption." The pioneers in our Society and their successors, the Secretaries and the managers and members, the missionaries and the pastors, the contributors of funds and of prayers, all these have labored, and we have entered into their labors. And because of the faithful and self-sacrificing toils of those who have preceded us, our own work, as carrying forward and supplementing theirs, takes on a broader scope, and an augmented efficiency, reaching toward ever-increasing and glorious results, with which are mingled their active sympathies and their hallowed memories. To such a sacred brotherhood are we linked in association and service, and in the responsibilities devolved upon us to prosecute our work as God gives us ability and opportunity. The cloud of witnesses, in their spirit and example, beckon us on; the Author and Finisher of our faith, as we look up to Him, promises His presence and support; the spread of His Kingdom, bringing eternal joy to ransomed men, is an inspiring motive; and the hope of reunion at length with our predecessors in the general assembly of the saints, shall sweeten and sacrifice.

Names of those included in the deaths of the year, bring before us familiar forms and faces, so noble and commanding, so intelligent and lovely, so beaming with goodness and friendship, that they will ever remain embalmed in our memories. It seems but yesterday that they were with us, and yet we shall see them in our assemblies no more. They have finished the good work, and the Master has called them up higher. They have entered through the gates into

the city.

"Thus the gates close and we behold no more,
Though as we walk, they open oftener now
For those who leave us and go on before;
And we are lonely also while we bow
And think of those dear souls whose world-worn feet
Press the cool smoothness of the golden street."

Dr. W. H. Parmly was asked to lead in prayer. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was adopted. The report of the Committee on Chinese Missions was made by Rev. A. S. Coats, N. Y.

Your Committee on Chinese Missions, record with gratitude the conversion of twenty Chinese during the past year, in the two Missions under the fostering care of the Society. Also the fact that a remarkable spirit of benevolence is being evinced by our Chinese brethren on the Pacific Coast, which is already felt in the missionary operations conducted by them in their native land. In one of our Missions, the Chinese have given at least a fifth of their income during the past year to the cause of Christ.

We regard the policy pursued at present by the Society, of assisting the Churches in this work instead of attempting, as formerly, independent mission work, as being the true policy; and, furthermore, we regard the present as a most favorable time for enlarging the work.

We, therefore, recommend that the Society, by the adoption of this report, assure our Churches of its willingness to assist, wherever assistance may be needed, in their efforts to win these heathen, in our land, to a knowledge of the world's Saviour.

We further recommend that the Society instruct its representatives, especially on the Pacific Coast, to use all possible efforts, under the assurance of such assistance, to induce more of our Churches to enter upon this work of giving the Gospel to those who, in the providence of God, have been brought under their influence. Very respectfully submitted.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. A. S. Coats and A. C. Osborn, D. D., after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Missions among European Populations in America, reported through its Chairman, Rev. W. W. Hammond, Mich.

Your Committee on Missions to non-English-speaking people, respectfully report:

That they have given their attention to the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society among the French Canadians, Germans, and Scandinavians, and are deeply impressed with the demands and promise of this field.

The Mission to the French Canadians has been carried on with vigor. The force employed has received the addition of two missionaries, demanded by the steady migration of this people into the Northern States, and particularly New England. Though this influx is of recent origin, yet over 200,000 French Canadians are now settled in New England, being mainly employed in factories and mechanical pursuits. Roman Catholies by prestige and long training, they differ greatly from the majority of the adherents of that faith in their susceptibility to Protestant teachings. We can report no marked spiritual results for the year, but believe that seed has been faithfully sown in good ground, and will yet spring up to bear abundantly. What a beautiful, yet not unlikely coincidence it would be, if, while the people of France, stirred by the instincts of political freedom, are breaking with the domination of the Romish priesthood, and are beginning to taste the enjoyment of the larger liberty in Christ, those in our own land to whom the French is native tongue, who have been in advance of their brethren in their susceptibility to Protestant influences, should join in line, and the French movement should assume the grand dimensions of a spiritual uprising on two continents.

We pass to consider the claims on our Society of people largely settled in the New West. The center of population, which in 1870 was in the meridian of Cincinnati, now approaches that of this goodly city of Indianapolis; and, in but few decades, will have crossed the Mississippi River. Soon the weal or woe of our

country will be decided by the people of States and Territories, which, half a century ago, were an untrodden waste. What shall be the future of our Republic means, largely, what shall be the dominating influences in the New West. As shaping our destiny, the career of the Germans and Scandinavians must enter as an important element. Every consideration which looks to the welfare of America, must look likewise to the spiritual culture of these great peoples.

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The number of German immigrants in 1880 was 106,000. Their arrivals on our shores are much more numerous than those of any other nation. They constitute the largest part of the population in some of our cities, and at various points in the country. Many of the Germans have had advantage of good school education in their native country. They are not, as a class, poverty-stricken. They buy lands and establish prosperous farms in the West. A goodly number, too, are an important element in mechanical and mercantile pursuits, both East and West. These advantages should all be utilized for Christ and His Kingdom. However, there is much in the character and habits of this people which makes mission work among them exceedingly difficult. Of those who are religiously inclined, many are strongly established in the errors and formalism of Romanism and Lutheranism, while large numbers are indisposed toward any religion, and are thorough going skeptics. They introduce a secular, unchristian element into our civilization, and imperil, by their influence and practice, some of the sacred institutions which lie at the foundation of the Commonwealth. By all means our Society should be encouraged in the endeavor to reach all these classes by the Gospel. The very difficulty of the field in some of its aspects should nerve us to more heroic and persistent work.

The Scandinavians (embracing Swedes, Norwegians and Danes) number in the country, over a million. They are among the best of the foreign-born population. They are employed in many useful industries—in the forests, mines, on the prairies, principally. They are distinguished by the simplicity of their habits, their thrift and respect for law. They make good Christians and good citizens. Many bring hither a love for Christ, which began, and was fostered in

their native land through the servants of our Missionary Union.

The success of our Scandinavian Mission, during the last year, bears abundant evidence of the presence and blessing of God. It is impossible to tell how many souls have been saved, but there have been genuine and powerful revivals in many places, along with steady progress, in other respects, of Christ's work. The need of the field is very great. A number of small and poor churches are without pastors, and large and promising districts are opening to the Missionaries. More men should at once be sent into such fields. In Kansas, even the Lutheran Churches have welcomed Missionaries to their pulpits. With wise compliance with the demands of the hour, the Society, as the report of the Board discloses, has appointed a Swedish brother to look specially after immigrants as they arrive at New York, directing them to points where they may settle to advantage, and laboring for the spiritual good of those who remain at New York. Also, a General Missionary has been appointed for the Norwegians. We suggest that it would be well if similar appointments could be made in behalf of the Germans.

In conclusion, we should keep permanently before us the fact that our country is meriting more and more the distinction of the "house of all nations." People of every clime are coming to our shores; some nationalities in great multitudes. Last year we received about 500,000 immigrants. This year immigration promises to exceed considerably even that number. How can these people, speaking various tongues, of differing training and habit, become one with us in social, intellectual, and moral aims, and an impartial factor in our American civilization. This is the great problem confronting us; whether, with the mighty hosts of immigrants crowding within our gates, and with a very large part of foreign population hitherto resident among us, and still retaining their native tongue and habit, our assimilative power will be equal to the occasion. Is not the fact

thus suggested a menace to our free institutions, foreboding, unless stayed by counteracting agencies, in the near future, the very extinction of our better national life? We are no mere alarmists. We believe in that overruling Providence which has guided us to a goodly heritage; we believe that He has ordained for us a glorious destiny. But our great opportunity is the measure of the gravest duty. "Forewarned, forearmed." The energies of the Gospel are omnipotent. Under God they may accomplish for our country all we could most ardently wish. The safeguards of our highest interests should be secured and forever held fast. "North America for Christ." To the American Baptist Home Mission Society is committed a marvellous trust. Let it have our warmest sympathies and the most thorough co-operation in its mission to those who speak a different tongue from ours, henceforth until all people and tongues on the face of the earth shall speak the one language of the Heavenly Canaan.

The report was adopted.

W. W. Boyd, D. D., of St. Louis, addressed the Society on "The Influence of the Foreign Element in Western Civilization."

The following Committees were announced by the Chair:

On Mexican Missions-Hon. R. O. Fuller, Mass.; S. W. Marston, D. D., Mo.; G. J. Johnson, D. D., Pa.; C. P. Sheldon, D. D., N. Y.; D. H. Cooley, D. D., Ill.

On Semi-Centennial of the Society-S. Graves, D. D., Mich.; C. E. Hewitt, D. D., Ill.; L. Moss, D. D., Ind.; Rev. James French, Pa.; Rev. P. S. Moxom, O.; J. B. Brackett, D. D., Mass.

On Mormonism—D. B. Cheney, D. D., Ill.; A. C. Osborn, D. D., Mass.; J. R. Baumes, D. D., O.; Prof. E. Olney, Mich.; A. C. Avery, Esq., Mo.

Adjourned with the benediction, by Dr. A. E. Dickinson, Va.

#### EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock-President Stickney in the Chair.

Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. C. E. Bascom, N. Y.

The Committee on Western Missions reported through its Chairman, Dr. J. A. Smith, of Chicago, as follows:

The Committee on Western Missions respectfully report:

The report of the Board, in that part of it which relates to Western missions, suggests points which this Committee beg leave to bring anew to the atten-

tion of the Society:

1. The first has respect to the encouraging advance made in the prosecution of missionary work in the Western field. The fact of this advance is emphasized by what appears in the report, upon the comparison of statistics therein,—that there has been upon the Western field alone, an increase of seventy, in the missionaries under appointment. While the grand total of missionaries and

teachers bearing the commission of the Board is 392, there have been of these upon the Western field, including the twenty-five on the Pacific Coast, 286; of whom 209 labor among the American population,—an increase of fifty-one in this class of missionaries over the last year. Western men, we are sure, will note the response thus made to the call a few years ago, for enlargement of the

Society's work in the West.

The Committee is gratified to observe the extent to which the Board, in its Western operations is taking up new ground. The appointment of general missionaries in Colorado, Wyoming, Upper and Lower Dakota, Northern and Southern New Mexico, and along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. is indicative of this; also that of local Missionaries, with superintendence of large adjacent districts, in Arizona, Utah, and Montana. Our work, as a Society, is thus carried close up to the frontier, and it is made evident that not in word only does the Board declare its purpose, as "the executive of the denomination for Missionary work," to "push on and possess the land." Upon the need for this, the Committee find it unnecessary to dwell, the report of the Board having so vividly and impressively set forth those facts and considerations which show what the Western field is—its openings, its vast destitutions, the momentousness of its future, the grandeur of its opportunies for Christian growth and

Another point made prominent in the report of the Board, is the extent to which co-operative relations are formed with State Conventions in the West, especially in the newer States and in the Territories. Such relations now exist between the Home Mission Society and the Conventions in eight such Territories and States. With the Convention on the North Pacific Coast, including British Columbia, Washington Territory, Oregon, and Idaho, and with Wisconsin and California, arrangements of this kind have been perfected during the last year. The benefits of this alliance for mutual service and counsel have been found to be very great. In such older States as Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, it has availed much for stimulus, for systematization of the work, and for cultivating among the people an interest not only in Missions near at hand, but also in the "regions beyond." Upon the newer fields, it is a great encouragement for brethren to attempt cultivation of the home soil in the respective States and Territories; to know that back of their own feebleness is the strength of a great Society, representing the denomination of Northern Baptists; while it is for them a satisfaction to know that however far toward the frontier they may be, they have a share in the general scheme of Missionary work that embraces a continent. It seems to be a grand thing that, so far as possible, this work be one, as the new field is one.

3. A third consideration urged in the report of the Board, and which this Committee would wish to emphasize, is the desirableness of increase, so soon as that shall be possible, in the amount of appropriation to individual Missionaries. This may not be practicable at present, especially with the calls and claims of new fields pressing upon us so urgently. It is right, however, that the Society and the denomination it represents, should take account of the fact that a subsistence, sufficient only with the practice of the most rigid economy, is not enough for those brethren and their families who venture into most of the privations and vicissitudes of frontier life, at a distance from sources of relief for which the exigencies of such a life may at any time call. While urging upon pastors and Churches the claims of the Western field as a whole, we would press the thought that, could the Missionary gifts of the denomination be brought nearer to the measure of its ability as a duty, one of the hap-piest effects of this enlargement of means might be a more generous and more just provision for those who bear the commission of this Society, amid the hard-

ship, sickness, and perils of the Far West.
The Committee cannot close its report without expressing, at the risk of anticipations that may be more germane to another report, its exceeding gratification at the new methods adopted in the collection and disbursement of the Church Edifice Fund, and at the wise Christian generosity of those who have placed such enlarged means to this end at the disposal of the Board. Nothing could cheer and animate Western Churches, pastors and Missionaries more than to have at command such sums, in the form of donations, as will stimulate, encourage and supplement efforts to provide needful houses of worship, and to complete such, suitable for size, finish and comfort, adequate to present needs, and to those of a considerable future, free from that bane of Western Church enterprise, a debt, to whomsoever due. A new spring and impulse was given to Missionary work in the great West by the announcement that such a provision has been made. It is the belief of this Committee, that no measure adopted in the whole history of the Society, is likely to be more promotive of the original aims of its organization than the providing of a benevolent department in the Church Edifice Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted.

Rev. C. Silene, Missionary to the Scandinavians, addressed the Society. Rev. B. H. Yerkes, of Col., spoke upon "The New Southwest." Rev. E. Ellis, General Missionary, Dakota, spoke upon "Dakota and the New Northwest." Jas. Cooper, D. D., District Secretary, Mich., spoke upon "What the Home Mission Society has done for the West."

The Nashville Singers sang two inspiring songs. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Cooper.

#### MORNING SESSION-MAY 25TH.

Rev. E. Ellis led the devotional exercises at 9 A. M.

At 9:30 the regular session was opened by President Stickney. Rev. C. H. DeWolfe, Minn., read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

A partial Report of the Committee upon Enrollment was presented by Rev. G. W. Leonard, of Ind. The Committee was continued.

The Committee on Utah reported through Dr. A. C. Osborn, Mass., as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Executive Board as relates to "Missions among the Mormons," have given such attention to the subject as they have been able, and beg leave to present the following report:

Your Committee are of the opinion that the members of this Society owe a two fold duty to the people of Utah: first, as Christians to send to them the Gospel and the means of a Christian education, and then, as citizens, to urge the full and faithful administration of the laws of the land for the suppression and overthrow of the monstrous system of polygamy and associate vices, that are subversive alike of all order, religious, social, and civil.

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Your Committee look with favor upon the sending of a Missionary to Ogden, and the organization of a Church and Sunday-School there, and also upon the proposal, early to build and pay for a house of worship.

That is a field to which outside help should be rendered, that as soon as possible, your Missionary and his little Church and Sunday-School, may have a local habitation or Church home. Your Committee think that a like work should be attempted the ensuing year in Salt Lake City. A good man should be sent there as soon as practicable, and a house of worship built and paid for in that center of Mormon influence.

In the prosecution of Missionary work in Utah, your Committee are of the opinion that special and continued efforts should be made to bring the children and youth of the Mormon population under the influence of the Gospel. It is within the personal knowledge of some of your Committee, that the young people in many of the Mormon families in Utah, are not in favor of polygamy, as they have seen it developed in their own early homes. The aim should be to reach the young people with the Gospel, so as lead them away from the paths of temptation before they are hardened in sin.

Your Committee, therefore, look with favor on the proposal of your Board to establish at an early day, a Christian school in Ogden. To such a school, Mormon youth might be attracted, to enjoy advantages not afforded by the schools of the Territory. The hope of the Christian labor for the Mormon population is largely confined to the youth. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Board prosecute this style of labor in Utah as far as the means at their disposal will allow.

But your Committee think that the members of this Society, as citizens of the United States, owe more to the people of Utah than this style of labor implies; that we should give our moral support to our National Government in the exercise of its Constitutional rights and legal obligations, in taking early and vigorous measures to suppress and overthrow polygamy and its attendant monstrosities, wherever they exist in our country.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Executive Board be authorized and instructed to address a memorial to the President of the United States, and through him to the National Congress, asking in behalf of the great Baptist constituency in the land, that early measures be taken to remove and prohibit the practice of polygamy and its accompanying vices throughout all our borders.

The report was adopted, including the recommendations.

E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., of Neb., read the report of Committee on Church Edifice Fund.

Your Committee on Church Edifice Fund would respectfully report, that during the year the Executive Board has been enabled to put in practical operation some of the suggestions made at the last annual meeting. In accordance with instructions, steps were taken at the earliest moment possible, to establish the Benevolent Department, through which weak Churches might be aided in building houses of worship free of debt. The Corresponding Secretary obtained statistics showing that upward of 800 Churches were houseless and unable to build even a cheap structure without assistance. In addition, it was estimated that a large number of Churches among the freedmen and Indians were homeless. When these facts were made known, the recommendation that a Benevolent Fund be established was heartily approved. By the consent of some of the original contributors to the Loan Fund, about \$80,000 were transferred to the Benevolent Department, and probably the amount will be increased to \$100,000, the interest alone to be used.

But this sum, bearing the usual interest, would only in a small degree meet the demands made for help in building houses of worship. A definite amount should be raised each year to add to the accruing interest. The fund is not yet large enough to give each of the 1,300 houseless Churches even a little. If it were divided pro rata, no Church could be aided in building, and no good would

be accomplished.

Your Committee, therefore, approve the plan adopted by the Board of apportioning a certain amount each year to those States and Territories most needing help, and providing that no Church shall receive aid to exceed \$500, and that at least twice as much money shall be raised on the field by the Church proposing to build as is given it from the fund. This course, we believe, will stimulate the feeble Churches to help themselves, and will enable the Board to give to a large

number in the course of a few years.

From a careful estimate, the Corresponding Secretary believes that besides the large number of Churches now without houses of worship, fifty, at least, will be added each year, so that in five years, some 250 Churches needing edifices will be added to the list. If this be so, it is clear that the erection of 150 to 200 Church edifices should be attempted annually, and that \$75,000 will be required

to aid them.

This money must come largely by individual donations. Already have John H. Deane, Esq., Mrs. C. C. Bishop, and others, given liberally; and their gifts enabled the Board to make an apportionment this year, sufficient to aid nearly a hundred Churches, if they shall call for it.

To what grander purpose can money be devoted than in building houses for the people of the West and South to worship God in? Our denomination has many princely givers. They have poured out their wealth lavishly on Schools, Colleges and Seminaries, and thereby have built monuments that will endure long after their bodies are turned to dust. We rejoice at this. We would not make these gifts one dollar less; but here is also an opportunity to give largely, and we believe, to a cause where greater good can be immediately realized by a greater number. Here is an opportunity for Christians of wealth to build monu-ments which will endure through eternity. The edifices they build, of course, will decay, but the souls that in them may be born into God's Kingdom will live in eternal youth and vigor.

The Committee feel confident that no better evangelizing and civilizing agency can be used in the new fields of your country than this Benevolent Edifice Fund. It will enable our brethren and sisters who meet in school-houses, or houses belonging to other denominations, or who have no places at all to meet in, to come together statedly to hear the Gospel; to hear their own doctrines preached; to establish Sunday Schools in which they can teach their children the whole

So the money to keep this grand agency alive and in constant operation must ome. Other denominations are expending each year more than the sum we call for, and by their shrewdness, activity and zeal, are establishing themselves in all the new regions of the West. We must also be active and diligent in this work, not to compete with other denominations or to supplant them, but to give those who would go with us, houses to worship God in, and to bring the many, in all the destitute regions under the influence of the Gospel.

The Loan Fund is sufficiently large now for the demands that are being made upon it. This new Benevolent Fund should therefore be the object of our solicitude. It can be taken care of without extra expense, at the Rooms of the Society; and we would call attention to the fact that every dollar given to this fund, is secured against alienation or loss by the excellent rules adopted by the Board.

Your Committee would therefore recommend:

That a general solicitor for the Church Edifice Benevolent Fund, be appointed to obtain, wherever he can, the means needed.
 That brethren whom God has blessed with wealth and prosperity,

make this building of meeting houses a subject for their prayerful consideration,

then lay large offerings on God's altar.

3. That pastors of Churches throughout the country, place the Edifice Fund on their list of benevolences, and use all diligence to secure contributions for it.

4. That Churches receiving aid from this fund be required to consult with the Home Mission Board or its representatives, as to plans of building and the general architecture of their edifices, so that money may be judiciously expended.

Rev. L. C. Barnes, of St. Paul, Minn., addressed the Society on the "Relation of Church Edifices to successful Missionary Work."

An animated discussion on Home Mission Work followed, participated in by Rev. Messrs. L. Raymond, B. H. Yerkes, P. S. Moxom, H. C. Woods, D. F. Carnahan, F. A. Douglass, E. C. Cady and H. F. Norton, and Drs. G. S. Bailey, A. E. Dickinson, C. P. Sheldon, D. H. Cooley, and the Hon. G. W. Williams.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Morehouse presented a telegram from the Presbyterian General Assembly at Buffalo, N. Y., in response to a telegram sent them.

The Committee on Mexican Missions reported through Dr. D. H. Cooley.

Your Committee to whom was referred the work of this Society in Mexico, would report that we behold with special satisfaction the reopening of this Mission. Mexico, the land of papal superstition and revolutions, with its 9,000,000 of people, needs the gospel of Christ to give its unfortunate inhabitants light and peace. They can never become secure from the clashing interests of ambitious and working politicians until they have the truth as it is in Jesus. While it is the duty of the Church of Christ to give the Gospel to all Nations, we have no right, as Baptists of the United States, to neglect our nearest neighbors. Mexico has been so influenced by the spirit of our institutions as to make it impossible for any adventurer to establish a monarchy in her land. Should we not also give her our religion as well as our form of Government.

A crisis has evidently come in the history of that country. The capital and enterprise of our citizens have been welcomed by both the Government and people. The extensive railway lines being built and projected will awaken the country to a new and vigorous life. No longer will superstition and semi-barbarism hold undisputed sway. Railways and commerce are, in the providence of God, great enlighteners. They jostle and arouse so that further sleep and indiffer-

ence are impossible.

At this juncture, to turn a deaf ear to the imploring cries of the 200 Baptists and the few little Churches there, who are as sheep in the wilderness without a

shepherd, would be gross unfaithfulness to our trust.

The Board should not only provide pastors for the destitute Churches gathered by our Missionaries in former years, but should take the most energetic measures to carry the Gospel to every part of the country. Business enterprise should not be permitted to precede and outstrip in her forward movements the Church of Christ. The constraining love of our Lord should lead as well as follow commerce.

Neither should Baptists lag behind other denominations in heeding the indications of God's providence to go up and possess the land. While we would not have them do less, we should do more. The purer our faith, the more alert and earnest should be our efforts to obey the commands of our ascended Lord to save the perishing. The sum of \$10,000, suggested by your Board for this Mission for the ensuing year, is not too large, but far too small to meet the claims of Mexico upon us. To do less would be disobedience to God.

The Committee on the Semi-Centennial, reported through Rev. P. S. Moxom, Ohio.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The fact that, on its next anniversary, the American Baptist Home Misssion Society will have completed the fiftieth year of its existence, is full of significance and suggestion. But for the organization of that Society, the character and history of the Baptist denomination in America would be very different from what they are to-day. It is not too much to say that the character of the nation to-day, is other than it would have been without the elevating and enlightening and morally conservative influence of this Society. As Baptists, as Christians, and as patriots, we may contemplate with grateful pride and enthusiasm the achievements which, during half a century, have made the name of the Society illustri-ous. It is fitting then, that your Committee should take for the text of their report, two recommendations which have already been laid before the members of the Society by the Executive Board.

These recommendations are:

"That in 1882 a representative assembly be called from all sections of the country in which this Society has prosecuted its work during the last fifty years, to review what has been wrought, and to deliberate concerning what is yet to be done.

2. That "an offering worthy of the occasion, worthy of the denomination, and somewhat adequate to the demands of the work, should be made on or before that meeting, as a crowning act of Christian consecration for the conquest of North America for Christ. The very lowest amount (for such offering) to be thought of and aimed at, is FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

With the closing year of half a century of successful work, the Baptist denomination in America ought to rise, as it never has done before, to an adequate comprehension of the immeasurable importance to Christianity and to civilization of the enterprise which the Home Mission Society is carrying on.

The denomination should rise, as it has never done before, to a degree of consecration and a measure of beneficent expenditure, which are in some sense equal to the greatness of the interests involved in the evangelization of this

We owe it to our country, as the peculiar home and citadel of popular liberty. both civil and religious; we owe it to the spirit and principles and history of our fathers; we owe it to the Lord Christ, whose word we acknowledge as our only law, and whose blessing we seek as our highest joy, that we should give to all our religious enterprises in this land a higher key than we have ever sounded before, and that we should begin, by our enlarged gifts of money and labor, a new era of Christian benevolence and Christian evangelization.

It would be difficult to state the full measure of our debts as a denomination to the work of the Home Mission Society. All over the country are Churches which owe their existence under God to this Society. Few are the Churches west of the East Ohio line that were not planted and nursed into self-sustaining vigor by its Missionaries. It is fitting that on the fiftieth anniversary of this mother of Churches, her innumerable children should come up to lay their grateful and golden offerings at her feet.

Your Committee feel that there are peculiar reasons for every Church which owes it genesis to the Home Mission Society, to acknowledge with free and large

contributions its immeasurable debt.

They feel also that there is peculiar reason for making the next anniversary of the Home Mission Society in form and in spirit, in word and in deed, a jubilee

meeting.

They therefore recommend:

1. That an entire day (three sessions) be given to Services commemorative of the Semi-Centennial of the Society.

2. That the order of Services be substantially as follows, subject to modification by the Executive Board: In the evening, a jubilee poem and a historical discourse. In the following forenoon, a session devoted to Missionary reminiscences. In the afternoon, a series of addresses on the outlook of Home Mission enterprise,

3. That, in order that the Society may have a real and worthy jubilee celebration, special efforts be made during the year to increase the contributions of the Churches for Home Mission work to the sum of \$500,000; and, particularly, that every Church which owes its existence to the Home Mission Society, be invited to make the largest possible contribution to this grand jubilee offering.

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4. That the Executive Board be requested to take under consideration the desirableness of preparing a memorial volume, which shall contain an adequate history of the Home Mission Society from its beginning, and a full report of the Semi-Centennial Services.

The report was warmly advocated by Dr. S. W. Duncan, Ohio, and was adopted with much enthusiasm.

The Corresponding Secretary here read a communication from the Baptist Pastors' Conference of New York city and vicinity, requesting that the next anniversary of the Society be held in that city, or in Brooklyn. This communication was referred to the Executive Board, with power.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

#### OFFICERS FOR 1881-2.

President-Hon. J. L. Howard, Connecticut.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. J. H. Walker, Massachusetts; John D. Rockefeller, Esq., Ohio.

Treasurer—Joseph B. Hoyt, Esq., Connecticut.

Auditors—William Phelps, Esq., New York; Joseph Brokaw, Esq., New York.

Corresponding Secretary—Henry L. Morehouse, D. D., N. Y.

Recording Secretary-Rev. D. B. Jutten, N. Y.

Managers—Third Class, serving till 1884—John H. Deane, Esq., New York; W. A. Cauldwell, Esq., New York; E. Lathrop, D. D., Connecticut; E. T. Hiscox, D. D., New York; Rev. Edward Judson, New Jersey.

The report was received, and the following were appointed tellers: Rev. C. E. Bascom, Rev. J. Sunderland, Rev. L. A. Gould and Rev. J. W. Carter.

A ballot having been taken, the tellers reported the above named officers elected.

## Dr. Morehouse presented the following resolution:

Whereas, The Associated Press Associations, both of the East and West, have given the National Baptist Societies, meeting at Indianapolis, unusual facilities for the transmission of the reports of the daily proceedings, and Whereas, The officers of the Association have shown every courtesy to our rep-

resentatives, therefore

Resolved, That we tender these gentlemen, Mr. J. W. Simonton, of New York, Hon. W. H. Smith, of Chicago, and J. F. Wallick, of Indianapolis, our heartiest thanks, and that our Secretaries be instructed to communicate the same.

Benediction by Dr. Morehouse.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hon. J. L. Howard, of Connecticut, in the Chair.

Prayer by W. T. Stott, D. D., Ind.

Prof. L. B. Tefft, of Tenn., reported on "Our Work among the Freedmen," as follows:

Your Committee are glad to find themselves in hearty unison with the Board this Society. We believe that Christian schools which receive their scholars of this Society. to a home, and hold them steadily under right influences, are the most effective agencies in Christianizing and elevating people of low civilization. They preach the Gospel "precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little," until the darkened mind is penetrated and the deeply buried soul is quickened. Thus Christian principle is deeply inwrought, and the Christian life becomes established and able to maintain itself in consistency and usefulness. We believe that the Missionary school, at home and abroad, furnishes the most promising disciples and the most reliable laborers for our Lord. The converts and the workers going out from such schools in Burmah, in Assam, among the Telugus, and among the colored people of this country, are the men and women who to day are lifting their people with a courage equaled by no other instrumentality.

Your Committee notice with satisfaction the enlargement and progress in this department of the Society's work. We note the increase in the number of schools—last year, eight; this year, ten; the larger attendance upon these schools—last year, 1,192; this year, more than 1,600, an increase of 34 per cent.; 367 students for the Gospel ministry; buildings erected or improved, further than 1,600 and the schools—last year, more than 1,600 are increased to the graph of years and the schools—last year, more than 1,600 are increased to the graph of years and years are increased to the graph of years and years are increased to the graph of years and years are increased to the graph of years are increased to the property of the graph of years are increased to the graph of years are increased to the graph of years are increased to the property of years are increased to the graph of years are increased to the property of years are increased to the years are increased to the property of years are increased to the property of years are increased to the years are nishing ampler facilities, especially for the education of young women; larger contributions and pledges for carrying on the work, and a worthy in-

crease in the number of instructors.

Your Committee urge that far-sighted and prophetic enterprise, which the vastness and reach of this work demands. This work for the Freedmen signifies our share in leading up to virtuous and intelligent citizenship, a race, six and one-half million now, and rapidly increasing. It means providing Christian teachers and instructed pastors for 800,000 Baptist Church members. For them it means a religion of truth and godliness, in place of a religion which knows not the law and whose evil excitements no man can tame. It means homes of chastity, constancy, and elevating nature; and it means the extension of these blessings to the great body of the race in the Fatherland. All this vast significance our Baptist people must grasp and hold in practical view, and press on the work till permanent provisions be made for its support, and the colored people be able to take it up and carry it on for themselves.

What, then, are our chief duties to-day touching our work among the Freedmen? Your Committee heartily concur in the suggestions of the Board, and

recommend as the voice of this Society:

1. That the endowment of these Home Mission Schools be brought distinctly and prominently before the friends of the Freedmen. If anywhere such foundations are a necessary and Christ-like beneficence, they are most of all for the poor colored people of the South. The Treasury of the Society needs this relief, and no where else can such investments bring so large and so quick returns

The furnishing of ample facilities for the education of Christian girls. In this presence there is no need to urge the importance of educating the women of a race. The experience of your schools has shown both the capacity of colored girls for education, and the unspeakable value of their Christian influence among their people.

Your Committee approve and commend the work of holding "Ministerial 3. Institutes" upon the field, as a means of awakening among the pastors and preachers a sense of the need of, and a zeal for, learning; but not as a substitute for more extended means of instruction. The plan of organizing and prosecuting the work proposed by the Board, we are willing to approve, if it does not presume upon more of iron and less of flesh in the constitution of teachers than human nature does actually contain. Whether their powers of endurance in Southern mid-summer heats, after eight or nine months of over-work in their institutions, will be equal to the generosity of their purpose, is a question, the solution of which we should watch with fear. It will not prove either wisdom

or economy to sacrifice the workers.

4. Your Committee understand that, in every Home Mission School, such instruction is given in Biblical and practical theology, as is suited to the needs of students whose time or ability forbid an extended course of study. But we approve the purpose of the Board to build up, at two or more points, institutions of higher grade and complete equipment, suited to the advancing needs of students and Churches. Baptist institutions for the education of the ministry, must not be inferior to those founded by any other denomination. Inferior education means inferior pastors, and inferior pastors means inferior Churches. Inferior schools will lose to us the young men of largest ability and highest enterprise. Your Committee could not approve the attempt, as a general rule, to educate colored ministers in Northern institutions, separated for years from contact with their own people. Foreseeing that a line of cleavage will surely show itself between the more educated ministry and the less educated people, this tendency ought to be obviated, as much as possible, by holding the young ministry in living contact with the common people during all the years of their education.

5. Your Committee commend, also, the arrangements made by the Board for co-operation with State Conventions in their evangelizing work. By this we believe that a double advantage is gained. So far as the Conventions aid in the work, the Society's treasury is relieved, and so far as Colored Conventions share in the management without damaging the work, they acquire experience and

preparation for wisely administering their own affairs.

And, finally, your Committee congratulate the Society and the denomination upon the present hopeful outlook of this department of our work. are making progress, great advances are taking place among the colored people, and public sentiment in the South is becoming more favorable to the education of the Freedmen. We bespeak special thanks to God for the spirit and fruits of revival, which have this year hallowed anew all the schools; and we commend anew the work among the Freedmen to the best benefactions of the Lord's stewards.

D. W. Phillips, D. D., spoke on the "Influence of the Nashville Institute."

S. W. Marston, D.D., of St. Louis, addressed the meeting on the "Condition and Prospects of the Freedmen in the Southwest."

Dr. A. E. Dickinson, Va., addressed the body.

The Committee on Enrollment, through Rev. George E. Leonard, Ind., made the following report:

The number of life directors, life members, delegates, and visitors present is

These persons come from 30 States and Territories, Burmah, and India.

Report adopted.

Song by the Nashville singers.

Hon. J. P. Bishop, of Ohio, read the report of the Committee on "Work among the Indians," as follows:

That in prosecuting its beneficent work, the American Baptist Home Mission Society should include the American Indians, among those who are the objects of its care, cannot be deemed an open question.

By referring to the Constitution of that Society, we find its leading object is,

By referring to the Constitution of that Society, we find its leading object is, "to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America."

It follows, of course, that Missionary labor among the Indians is an important part of the Society's work, unless it is shown by experience that its efforts in their behalf have been in the past, and will be in the future, fruitless.

Have they been fruitless? For an answer to the question we refer to the past experience and reports of this Society. Especially do we call attention to the report of the Secretary at the present anniversary, by which it appears, among other things, that among the civilized Nations of the Indian Territory, out of 60,000 persons, 34,500 can read and write. They have a newspaper, and there are nearly 100 Baptist Churches, with about 6,000 members.

Your Committee, then, are of the opinion that the work among the Indians should be earnestly prosecuted by this Society in the future—more earnestly than

should be earnestly prosecuted by this Society in the future—more earnestly than in the past. How this can best be done we cannot now take time to consider. We particularize in one respect only -that is, suitable schools should be established, in which native Indians may receive instruction, and be prepared to preach to, and become teachers of, the people of the respective tribes.

But in considering this subject, your Committee encounter another grave question, on the solution of which the success of this Society, in a great degree, depends—that is, the policy of the National Government in its treatment of, and dealings with, the Indians.

Two policies have been recommended and urged. One is to place the Indians under the control of the Military Department of the Government; thus subjecting them by force and fear, and to civilize them, if at all, by the sword.

The other is the philanthropic policy; to carry out which, Congress has provided for the appointment by the President, of "Commissioners eminent for intelli-

gence and philanthropy. This latter policy is the one now favored by the Government and Congress; and the authorities have in various ways recognized and provided for it; but we cannot take time to state how this has been done. Suffice it to say, that the civil power of the National Government, favors the utmost endeavors of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in educating, civilizing, and Christianizing the Indians of North America.

This policy of the Government should have the unqualified approval of this Society, and its most earnest efforts in perfecting and carrying it out; as thereby the objects of this Society will be greatly promoted.

In conclusion, your Committee cannot do better than to recommend the re-

affirmance and readoption of a resolution passed by this Society, at its last anniversary, and to earnestly commend its conclusions to the attention of the President of the United States, and to Congress, and to all who recognize the obligation of the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'

The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That in our judgment, the Indian question can never be righteously or permanently settled, until there is the full recognition of the Indian's rights of citizenship and of personal property, upon the same conditions as in the case of persons of other nationalities; and we invite Christians of every name, and all good citizens, to join us in urging this conviction upon our National Government and upon the country.

A supplemental report was presented by E. B. Hulbert, D. D., of Ill., as follows:

At Hampton, Va., and Carlisle, Pa., are training schools for Indian youth, under the supervision of the General Government. In these schools, the common English branches form only a part of the instruction imparted. The pupils are taught "how to live, as well as how read and think." It is the policy of the Government "to have farms and domestic work occupy as prominent a place as study in the school-room; and the development of character and the training of the pupils in the manner and habits of civilized life, are held to be quite as impor-tant as acquiring a knowledge of books." Hence, in these schools the boys are trained in farming, wagon and harness-making, tin and black-smithing, carpentry, shoe-making and other industrial branches; while the girls are taught the manufacture and mending of garments, the use of the sewing machine, laundry work, cooking, and the routine of household duties pertaining to their sex. Government aid is granted to these pupils to the amount of \$150 per year. The policy has been long enough in operation to leave no doubt of its entire success. The Government officials and all intelligent observers, are enthusiastic over the results achieved.

Your Committee are assured of the need of a school of this kind in the Indian Territory—a school giving this primary instruction in books and in the trades.

Then advancing upon this idea, provision ought to be made by the denomination for the pursuit of higher branches of study, and for the normal and theological training of those who are to teach and to preach.

A well-equipped school, beginning with the rudiments of an industrial education, and ending with the higher preparation of those who are to be leaders of

the people, is our great present need.

Your Committee believe, that in order to perpetuate and extend, with increased efficiency, civilizing influences among the tribes, the cause of Christ imperatively demands the establishment of such a school.

Many considerations impel us to this conviction.

The General Government looks with favor upon movements of this kind, and can be relied upon for substantial aid.

An increasing and deep interest in the education of the Indian, never known before, is spreading over the country; an interest awakened by the wonderful success of the Government Schools.

The educational uplifting of the tribes, especially the civilized nations, makes

the special training of native leaders more and more needful.

All the arguments favoring schools for the Freedmen, are even more forcible when applied to the Indians. One Christian school in the Territory, endowed and maintained as are the Society's schools in the South, would be the most powerful civilizing and Christianizing influence which could be brought to bear upon the civilized, and, through them, upon the wild tribes.

Without amplifying further, the Committee desire specially to emphasize the present and growing necessity of a primary and industrial, a literary and theological school in the Indian Territory, and to urge the Board to give the matter an immediate and favorable consideration.

The reports of the Committee were adopted.

Rev. D. Rogers, general missionary for the Indian Territory, gave an address on the work among the Indians.

Rev. William Hurr, a native missionary to the Sacs and Foxes, spoke on the needs of his brother red men.

Dr. Sidney Dyer, of Philadelphia, followed.

The Standing Committees were ordered to be appointed. A committee upon Mexican Missions was added to the number.

Dr. Sheldon offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church and congregation of this city, for the use of their house of worship during these anniversary meetings; to the citizens generally for their cordiality and hospitality; to the hotels for their reduction in their charges for entertainment; to the press for their liberal notices and reports of the meeting, and to the railroads for their reduction of rates of fare.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Rev. D. C. Potter, of New York, for his service in furnishing so full and correct reports of our meetings, to the Associated Press of the country.

Benediction by Rev. William Hurr, of Indian Territory.

### EVENING SESSION.

Hon. J. L. Howard in the chair.

Singing by Nashville students.

Prayer by Rev. I. N. Carman, of Ill.

It was voted that the Chair have the privilege of naming the Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

The following Committees were so appointed:

On Western Missions.—T. Edwin Brown, D. D., N. Y.; A. K. Potter, D. D., Mass.; S. W. Duncan, D. D., Ohio; Rev. H. C. Woods, Minn.; Rev. H. S. Westgate, Col.; C. P. Jacobs, Esq., Ind.

On Work Among the Freedmen.-H. L. Wayland, D. D., Pa.; J. H.

Griffith, D. D., N. Y.; Pres. H. M. Tupper, N. C.; Rev. S. H. Greene, D. C.; Rev. J. W. Patterson, Va.; Hon. H. K. Fuller, Vt.; O. H. Greenleaf, Esq., Mass.

On Church Edifice Work.—E. H. Johnson, D. D., R. I.; Rev. Z. Grenell, Jr., Mich.; Rev. J. R. Stone, Ind.; Rev. D. E. Halteman, Wis.; Rev. G. Gates, Kan.; Col. W. H. Harris, Ohio; Ebenezer Morgan, Esq., Conn.

On Missions to European Populations.—G. W. Lasher, D. D., Ohio; A. J. Rowland, D. D., Pa.; Rev. S. P. Merrill, Me.; Rev. C. P. Jensen, Ill.; Rev. G. A. Schulte, N. Y.

On Work Among the Indians.—T. J. Morgan, D. D., Ill.; Robert Lowry, D. D., N. J.; Rev. Sidney Dyer, Pa.; Rev. D. Rogers, Ind. Ter.; Chief Keokuk, Ind. Ter.

On Missions in Mexico.—Rev. W. I. Knapp, Conn.; Rev. W. H. Sloan, N. Y.; Rev. T. M. Westrup, Mexico; Rev. J. V. Schofield, Mo.; L. M. Woodruff, D. D., Iowa.

On Chinese Missions.—H. M. King, D. D., Mass.; Rev. Norman Fox, N. Y.; Rev. S. B. Morse, Cal.; Rev. Joseph Stockbridge, N. J.; Fung Chak, Oregon.

On Obituaries.—H. S. Burrage, D. D., Me.; H. F. Smith, D. D., N. J.; S. B. Page, D. D., Ohio; R. J. Adams, D. D., Mass.; Rev. J. N. Chase, N. H.

On motion of Rev. E. L. Scofield, of Mo., it was

Resolved, That we commend to the careful consideration of our Board of Managers, whether more agents or district secretaries should not at once be put into the field, who shall present the claims and necessities of our work more fully to our churches and district associations.

Rev. D. F. Carnahan, of Ill., moved the following:

Resolved, That we gladly hail, and return thanksgiving to God, for the advancing Temperance sentiment and Temperance legislation in our land.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the extent to which our brethren among the Freedmen take and keep the total abstinence pledge.

This was adopted.

Singing by the Nashville students.

Prof. L. B. Tefft, Tenn., spoke upon "Our Work at Nashville."

Singing by Nashville students.

Rev. H. Woodsmall, of Ala., spoke upon "What has been done at Selma."

Rev. T. L. Jordan, of Miss., spoke upon "The Condition and Prospects of the Freedmen in the Mississippi Valley."

Hon. Geo. W. Williams, of Ohio, delivered an address upon "Christian Education the Supreme Need of the Freedmen."

Thanks were voted the singers from Nashville, and to Rev. L. B. Fish, their leader.

After appropriate remarks by the President, prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Fish. The Doxology was sung, the Benediction pronounced by Dr. Morehouse, and the Society adjourned.

### D. C. POTTER.

Recording Secretary, pro tem.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Presented May 24, 1881.

The Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, herewith respectfully submit the forty-ninth Annual Report of their transactions, and of the condition of the interests entrusted to their care.

The year has been marked by a decided revival of interest in Home Missions, the extension of missionary operations into long unoccupied fields, the general increase of missionary force, the perfected plans of cooperation with State conventions, the new departure in our church edifice work, the increase of our educational institutions for the Freedmen and the Indians, the organization of our Freedmen work on a more effective basis—and especially by the many notable bereavements which have befallen the Society.

### OBITUARY AND CHANGES.

Rarely, if ever before, in one year, has death made so great inroads into our ranks. The first to fall was the noble man of noble mien, who cared for the Society as lovingly, earnestly, faithfully, unremittingly, as he cared for his own personal interests; who had served on the Board almost continuously since 1865; who for two years, in a trying period, served the Society as Corresponding Secretary without salary, and at the same time gave most generously to its work—Nathan Bishop,

LL.D., the friend and benefactor of the Freedmen; the Christian guardian of the red man's rights, as an original member of the Board of Indian Commissioners; the cool, comprehensive, sagacious christian counsellor; a man, in short, generally recognized as the foremost representative of the laymen in our denomination.

Swiftly following, came the death of A. B. Capwell, Esq., who, with the exception of one year, had been a member of the Board since 1848; during all this period its trusted and successful legal adviser, and for years Chairman of the Board; seldom absent from its stated meetings, and deeply interested in everything relating to the Society's work. Truly, two pillars of the Society have fallen.

Later in the year, at a very advanced age, Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D., entered into rest. From 1840 to 1862 he was Corresponding Secretary of the Society, discharging the duties of this position with marked ability. The Society, organized in 1832, was in its formative state when he came to this post. His was the clear, methodical, well-balanced mind to bring it into effective working order. The fields first tilled while he was in service are now yielding rich harvests, over which he rejoiced before entering into rest. Rev. Barnas Sears, D.D. LL.D., the honored College President, and Superintendent of the Peabody Educational Fund for the Southern States; Rev. Thos. Powell, a Missionary to Illinois in 1836, and years following; Rev. Wm. H. Shailer, D. D.; E. E. Barney, Esq.; Wm. S. Stickney, the only son of the honored President of the Society, and others whose names are published elsewhere have been called away. Eleven Life Directors and twenty-four Life Members have died since last we met.

The loss to the Board of Dr. Bishop and Mr. Capwell, on whom we had long leaned, together with the removal of Dr. Read to Illinois, threw unexpected responsibilities on those who remained. To fill the vacancies thus occasioned, the Board elected Jno. F. Plummer and Jno. P. Townsend of New York, and Wm. H. Jameson of Brooklyn.

### FINANCIAL.

The grand total of receipts for the year (not including loans repaid) is \$235,032.44, or \$69,580.33 more than from the same sources last year. The income from contributions, legacies, schools, interest on invested funds, etc., has been \$169,312.77. Additions to permanent Trust and Endowment Funds, are \$33,160.33; to funds on which annui-

ties are paid, \$12,425—a total to these funds of \$45,585.33. For Church Edifice Work, \$20,134.34 have been received. Other large sums have been pledged. The Society's indebtedness is \$29,955.36, against \$18,373.75 last year. A large proportion of the increase in receipts, being designated or annuity funds, is not immediately applicable for the general missionary work of the Society.

The following tabulation, prepared with much care, is designed to show the sources of the Society's receipts, the purposes to which they are applicable, and the amount of the several funds held in trust by the Society. By maintaining this classification hereafter, the financial facts of each year and a comparison of one year with another will be presented at a glance.

### 1. TABLE OF RECEIPTS.\*-Classified to show from what sources derived.

	Churches, S. Schools and Individ'ls.	Legacies.	Real Es- tate and Invest- ments.	Students in Schools.	Miscella- neous.	Int. from Church Edifice Loans.	Church Edifice Loans Repaid.	Total.
1881.	\$108,949 49	\$34,537 03	\$7,452 85	\$21,276 33	\$7,118 71	\$10,112 70	\$31,200 73	\$220,647 8

### 2. TABLE OF RECEIPTS.\*—Classified to show for what objects to be used.

	General Purposes.	Freedmen Work and Schools.	Board and Tuition in Schools.	Sundry Designated Objects.	Church Edi- fice Loan Fund.	Church Edifice Benevolent Fund.	Total.
1881.	\$110,242 30	\$35,974 06	\$21,276 33	\$1,820 08	\$43,799 87	\$7,535 20	\$220,647 84

### 3. TABLE OF TRUST FUNDS.—Classified to show for what purposes held.

	General Purposes.	Freedmen Work and Schools.	Special Endow- ments.	Payment of Annuities.	Received During the Year.	Church Edifice Loan Fund.	Church Edifice Benevolent Fund.
1881.	\$50,343 93	\$28,069 64	\$18,832 75	\$82,755 92	\$45,585 33	\$238,985 75	\$6,773 90

<sup>\*</sup>Exclusive of Trust Funds, as shown in Fifth Column of Third Table.

Authorized by the Society to enlarge our operations, especially in the West, and encouraged by the steady increase of contributions, the Board, early last fall, made a careful reapportionment of amounts to be expended in the several Western States and Territories. While this amount is far less than the necessities of the case require, and less than others are doing, yet it was such an advance over preceding years as to give new life and hope all along the line.

The demand for this advance was imperative. We believe that the sentiment of the denomination sustains the Society in its aggressive and progressive policy, and that while for the moment increased receipts have not covered increased expenditures, the unpleasant chasm between them will soon be narrowed or closed up. We cannot halt at this hour when everything is bounding forward at such a tremendous rate in the West. To pause is to surrender the field to error, to infidelity and irreligion. A debt is indeed to be dreaded, but there are consequences more dreadful than a debt. With faith in God and in his people, the Society, which is but the executive of the denomination for missionary work, proposes to push on to possess the land.

### ECONOMY IN ADMINISTRATION.

The Society conducts its vast and varied work—Missionary, Church Edifice, Educational, Financial—with an official force not half as large and, in some instances, hardly one-third as large as that sustained by several other denominations covering the same fields of labor. What is done by others through two or three organizations, each with its own headquarters and working force, is attended to by Baptists through the agency of one Society. Hence, comparatively speaking, the Home Mission work of the denomination is conducted with unequalled economy. The fund established by Garrat N. Bleecker yields an annual income for the payment of the current expenses of administration. By the death of his daughter, the wife of Prof. Norman Fox, a legacy of \$10,000 has been added to this fund during the year. Barely five per cent. of the total receipts of the year is required to meet the balance of these expenses, and this percentage, of course, diminishes as contributions increase.

Donors may therefore rest assured that the Society's operations are conducted with unusual economy and by the smallest possible working force consistent with efficiency. Indeed, only by thorough organization of the work, and incessant attention to it, has any degree of efficiency been attained during the year. By judicious distribution of labor and responsibility, the work of the year has been largely in-

creased, and may be increased still more, without appreciable additional expense to the Society.

COOPERATION OF WOMENS' HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, (Boston,) has cooperated with us in sending through our Treasury \$1,893.16, principally for the support of teachers and beneficiaries in schools for the Freedmen and the Indians. The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Michigan, has likewise cooperated by sending \$1,045.00 for the support of teachers and beneficiaries, and to aid in maintaining missionaries in the West. The Women of Cleveland have also sent \$532.50 for the support of missionaries in the West. The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, (Chicago,) has enlisted the organized aid of their sisters in several Western States for the promotion of Home Missions therein. Throughout the country many valuable boxes of clothing and goods have been prepared and sent to needy missionaries, and for distribution to the students in our Southern schools.

### EXTENT OF OUR WORK.

During the year our work has been prosecuted in 43 States and Territories, and from 41 States and Territories contributions have been received. The number of missionaries and teachers sustained is greater by 111 than last year; and in no previous year of the Society's operations have so large a number been employed, except in 1874 and 1875, when the state missionary work of New York, Illinois and Michigan was carried on through this Society. The laborers have been distributed as follows: In the Eastern States, 9; in the Middle States, 11; in the Southern States, 86; in the Western States, including 25 on the Pacific Coast, 286. Representatives of four distinct races are to be found among these missionaries; and they have preached the Gospel in nine different languages.

While the missionary field has received special attention, our educational work for the Freedmen and the Indians has also been advanced, as is shown by the annexed table, and as appears more fully in other parts of the report. In addition to the schools here enumerated, the Board has this year conducted, under contract with the United States Government, 12 day-schools for elementary instruction of Freedmen among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, containing 567 pupils.

CLASSIFIED TABLE OF MISSIONARIES, ETC., OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

### From 1870 to 1881.

YEAR.	†Total No. Missionaries & Teachers.	Missionaries among Americans.	Missionaries among Germans.	Missionaries among Scan- dinavians.	Missionaries among French.	Missionaries among Indians.	Missionaries among Freedmen.	Missionaries among Chinese.	Schools.	Teachers in Schools.	Scholars in Schools.
1871	352	202	25	15	4	10	73	3	7	20	,11
1872	424	269	29	14	7	7	75	4	7	19	831
1873	435	292	29		6	7	68		7	25	695
1874	330	231	38	6 9	8	8	‡13	2 2	7	-21	670
1875	334	220	40	12	6	6	20	4	7	26	795
*1876	260	129	54	10	6	11	17	2	7	31	848
1877	230	110	37	10	4	13	15	_	7	41	871
1878	215	100	32	11	4	12	19	1	8	36	1,056
1879	236	108	32	15	4	10	21	2	8	44	1,041
1880	281	158	36	18	5	9	15	2	8	38	1,191
1881	392	209	40	30	6	11	21	3	11	\$72	1,649

<sup>\*</sup> The plan of cooperation in the States of New York, Michigan and Illinois, terminated in 1875, and 73 missionaries in these States were transferred to the care of their respective State Conventions.

† Not including Secretaries and Agents.

§ Including nine teachers of Government day-schools in Indian Territory.

|| Not reported.

### RESULTS OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

Weeks of labor	12,059
Churches and out-stations supplied	1,202
Sermons preached	27,219
Prayer-meetings held	14,587
Religious visits made	67,737
Received by baptism	1,304
Received by letter and experience	1,382
Total church membership	16,279
Churches organized	61
Sunday-schools under care of missionaries	554
Attendance at Sunday-schools	29,090
Benevolent contributions reported	7,046.74

Notwithstanding the unexampled severity of the winter over a considerable part of our mission field, the spiritual results generally have been very cheering. The fact that the 322 missionaries of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> The decrease of missionaries among the Freedmen after 1873 is largely accounted for by the fact that Students were no longer commissioned as teachers and missionaries during their summer vacations.

Society have supplied 1,202 churches and outstations, and have gathered into the churches, under their care, 2,686 members, is an indication of the activity of these earnest men of God. To the particulars of our work, and the need of both prayers and offerings for it, we now call attention.

### THE INDIANS.

Increased attention has been given to missionary and educational work among the Indians in the Indian Territory. A Baptist chapel has been completed at Tahlequah through the munificence of a lady who has also presented the church a fine Bible and a bell. Our commonly accepted "Articles of Faith" have been translated and published for use in the Cherokee Churches. In some sections considerable religious interest has prevailed. Rev. A. Frank Ross, of the Choctaw nation, gives an interesting account of a gracious work under his ministrations. He says: "I organized the little flock with seven members; it now contains one hundred and fifteen. It commenced its worship under the forest oak, amidst great opposition, but by the help of God we have overcome all difficulties, and now worship in a large Baptist Church house, which we built and own ourselves, and it is now the great light of these benighted regions." Bros. Rogers, Trenchard and Akers have done good work in the Territory. It is not surprising that there should be inconsistent church members among them as among their more favored white brethren. The general religious character of the converts, however, is good, and many are eminently devoted. Our interest among the Sacs and Foxes has suffered in the past from neglect and from the religious indifference or unfriendliness of the agent there. Keokuk, second chief of the Sacs and Foxes, a member of the Baptist Church, has exerted salutary influence over his people; and Rev. Wm. Hurr. an Ottawa, who speaks English and several Indian tongues, has been appointed missionary to that field.

"The Indian University," opened in our mission building at Tahlequah more than a year ago, has had a total attendance of 57 during the year. Of these, 5 have been studying for the ministry. Board engaged to pay one-half the salary of Prof. Bacone, the head of the school. The question of giving to this enterprise our full Christian

sympathy, counsel and support is fairly before the Society.

As helpful to this decision, we present from the latest official reports the following facts concerning the condition of the five civilized nations, viz.: Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, and Seminole. In these nations there are, in round numbers, 60,000 persons, of whom 34,500 can read. They have 214 day-schools, 11 seminaries or boarding-schools and orphan asylums. During the year 36 Cherokee children have been in Eastern schools. The Cherokees publish a weekly newspaper, printed in Cherokee and English. In 1880 they had 314,398 acres under cultivation, and raised nearly 3,000,000 bushels of grain. They owned about 800,000 head of stock.

In these nations are 154 church edifices: among the Cherokees, 61; the Creeks, 46; the Choctaws, 34; the Chickasaws, 6; the Seminoles, 7. Agent Tufts, in his last report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, says: "The schools are conducted on the school system of the States, the English language being taught exclusively. The stranger is surprised to meet so many well-educated people among the nations. The Sabbath is well respected and observed."

About one-tenth of the entire population of these nations are members of Baptist Churches, a ratio far above the average in the States of the Union. This indicates how greatly God has blessed our labors among them, while it suggests most strongly our responsibility for their progress and their future welfare. They are not now mere "babes" who need merely "the milk of the word." They are attaining to Christian manhood. They require a better educated ministry than they have, better than can be provided by their own secular schools. We cannot retain our hold upon the intelligent, better classes, unless provision is made for the education of such a ministry. With a properly equipped Institution, established at a central location in the Territory, many who now are educated in the States at the expense of the nations, would go there, while many others would seek these advantages; and thus a fountain of Christian learning and influence would refresh the Churches now established, and send its healing streams among the heathen tribes who listen to one of their own race when the pale-faced preacher is unable to gain access to their hearts.

Furthermore, the wide-spread educational measures of the Government among the Indians generally, are preparing the way for a more intelligent ministry. Last year, 60 boarding and 110 day-schools were in operation among the different Indian tribes (exclusive of the five

civilized tribes in the Indian Territory). These were taught by 338 teachers, and attended by over 7,000 children. In addition to these must be mentioned the extensive and successful experiment of Indian education by Government aid, at such schools as Hampton and Carlisle. Through these methods a great change in Indian thought and life is taking place; but, as the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs states: "The expense of educating Indians away from their homes will preclude the possibility of more than a limited number ever receiving the advantages which Eastern schools afford." Higher Christian schools should be established where they will be accessible at small expense to the Indian youth. Has not the time arrived when we should take pronounced action in the establishment of a school in which instruction shall be imparted not only to those who can maintain themselves, but open also to those whom the Government may approve and support, as is now done elsewhere?

Having been honored of God with so powerful a representation among the leading Indian tribes, shall we fulfil our trust and make the most of our advantage, if we fail to provide for them that Christian education which shall make them influential leaders in the evangelization of the uncivilized tribes?

We record with sadness the death of Agent James E. Spencer, at Pyramid Lake, Nevada, last October. He was approved for his efficiency by the Government, and his loss was deeply deplored by the Indians. Joseph M. McMaster, Esq., our nominee, as his successor, received the appointment and is at his post. We hope soon to send to these Indians a missionary whose time will be divided between them and other missionary work. They are yet in the gross darkness of a pagan faith.

### THE CHINESE.

Our faithful missionary for years at Portland, Oregon, has returned to China to preach the Gospel to his countrymen there. His successor, Fung Chak, is carrying forward the work successfully. These Chinese brethren have not only done much to sustain their own work, but have contributed several hundred dollars for the support of a missionary and for the erection of a Christian chapel in China.

At Oakland, Cal., Christian school and mission work is in an encouraging condition. Evening schools are well attended. Several have been baptized. The relation of their Christian experience was

very satisfactory. The anti-Chinese agitation on the Pacific Coast has measurably subsided, and the prospects of our work are brighter in consequence thereof. For Chinese missions, the expenditures have been \$675.00.

### RUSSIANS.

In Southern Russia are many thousands whose religious belief and practice are almost identical with our own. Large colonies of Russians have located in the West and the North. To ascertain whether among them were people of our faith, an exploring missionary, who speaks the Russian language, was sent out. Some were found—in one instance a church organization—but not enough to warrant immediately the appointment of a missionary to devote his whole time to this field. Nevertheless, a watchful eye will be kept in this direction.

### THE FRENCH.

The great influx of the Canadian French population into our northern States, principally into New England, is unabated, and has led to the appointment of two additional French missionaries—one in Massachusetts and one in Connecticut—the Convention of the latter State cooperating in his support. For missions among the French population, our expenditures have been \$2,824.27.

### THE GERMANS.

Last fall the Board increased the appropriations to missionary work among the Germans in the West. Heretofore, the Western German Conference has been responsible for one-half the sum appropriated for missionaries' salaries. For every dollar they now raise for this purpose we are to add a dollar and a half. Though the Western Conference has been sub-divided into three Conferences, this arrangement remains undisturbed thereby. In the Eastern Conference there has been no change in the proportions hitherto prevailing.

While progress in the evangelization of the Germans is not rapid, it seems to be sure and solid; and one result has been that Baptists in Germany have among their leaders men converted and trained in these German Baptist Churches in the United States. So the boughs of our Home Mission vine, running over the wall, drop their clusters of blessing into other lands. For missionaries among the German population, \$6,390.37 have been paid during the year.

### THE SCANDINAVIANS.

Revivals of great power have prevailed among many of the Scandinavian churches. Our missionary force has been increased among the Swedes, Norwegians and Danes, who are so rapidly filling up the Northwest, and a general missionary appointed for the Norwegians. An excellent Swedish brother has been appointed to labor in New York City and vicinity, welcoming the brethren coming from Baptist Churches in the north of Europe, guiding them to western destinations, gathering into the fold those who remain in the great metropolis, and striving to convert his fellow-countrymen from the error of their ways. His labors have been much blessed. One of the incidental results of our work among these peoples, is the establishment at Chicago of a denominational Scandinavian paper. The immigration of Scandinavians, which promises to be larger this year than ever before, demands yet more strenuous efforts on our part for their evangelization. Expenditures for Scandinavian missions have been \$3,491.65.

### MISSIONS AMONG THE MORMONS.

In November the Board commissioned a man, carefully chosen, to preach the Gospel "where Satan's seat is"-in Utah. This is the first serious settled attempt in this direction. An exploring missionary was on the field a short time in 1872, but with no tangible results. Already we have a church organized in Ogden, a Sabbath-school gathered, lots secured for a church edifice which is to be erected as soon as the funds can be obtained for the purpose. It should be done at once. There are prospects also for the organization of a church in Salt Lake City. A Christian school is an indispensable auxiliary in missionary work in Utah. Ogden, the great railroad centre of the region, is the natural location for such a school. For \$10,000 suitable buildings could be erected and considerable local assistance secured. The Society is prepared to proceed with the enterprise the moment the means are furnished. Other denominations, longer on the field, are doing much in this direction. One denomination expends \$20,000 this year for a Christian school at Salt Lake City. The hour has come for the Baptists of the United States to have a hand in the overthrow of the immoral Mormon monstrosity which has too long disgraced our civilization. Patriotism demands it. Humanity demands it. Christ demands it. It will cost to do it—but not to do it will cost more, ultimately, in loss of our own uncared-for brethren living there, in loss of influence there, and in the loss of souls. Mormonism is growing mightier every year. It is terribly aggressive. Its emissaries traverse nearly all civilized lands. Forty left Utah in April for labor principally in the old world. Hundreds are in service. And we have one missionary in all Utah! We appeal for larger offerings, not only to place at once on a firm footing the interest he represents, but to establish other missions there. We have entered Utah, God being our helper, to stay. We desire not merely to hold on, but to press on to greater things.

### THE FREEDMEN.

The year has witnessed decided advance in our work among the Freedmen. Ten established schools now receive our assistance. This is an increase of two over last year. These are the schools at Selma, Ala., and at Live Oak, Fla. Sixty-three teachers have been under appointment in these schools—last year there were 38. Last year 1,191 pupils were enrolled; this year 1,592. Males, 1,046; females, 546. Unconverted students who promise well are admitted to the schools. From this number 123 conversions are reported. Profound religious interest has prevailed in several institutions. Reports show that 367 students have the ministry in view. The students have paid a larger sum for tuition than ever before.

In several of the States the freed people have taken deep interest in the maintenance of these schools. In Alabama they have contributed over \$2,000 for the support of teachers and for other school purposes. In South Carolina they raised nearly \$1,000 for furnishing "Colby Hall." In Florida they gave about \$400 for improvement of the building at Live Oak. In Texas and the Southwest, through the agency of Dr. Marston, they have paid about \$2,000 on the school property at Marshall, and have nearly as much more pledged. In Georgia they are raising funds for the erection of a building at Atlanta for the education of young women. In other States, also, something has been done, and larger things are contemplated. It is estimated that the freed people have contributed not less than \$7,000 during the year for educational purposes in connection with our schools.

Several new buildings have been erected or completed. The shell of a structure at Live Oak, Fla., has been thoroughly fitted up for teachers' residence and school purposes. A new building at Columbia, S. C., for girls, known as "Colby Hall," was completed and occupied early last fall. A greatly needed dining hall was also erected, and opened in February. Both of these are frame buildings. At Raleigh, N. C., the medical dormitory, of brick, has been finished. These have required about \$13,000, the most of which was provided by special contributions.

Other new buildings are to be erected this season. It has been decided to establish at Marshall, Tex., an institution for the Southwest, in which region there are some 600,000 colored people for whom we have hitherto done nothing in this respect. A very desirable location comprising four acres, on which is a mansion, has been secured for the school at an expense of \$2,500, all of which will be paid by the people of that section. The Texas Convention of white brethren gave \$400 towards its purchase. The school will probably be known as "Bishop College." The property is owned by the Society. Mrs. Bishop, of New York, gives \$5,000 for the erection of a building adapted to school and dormitory uses; it is hoped that as much more may be contributed by others for this object, inasmuch as \$10,000 will be required for this building and for changes in the present building. At Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., the building for laboratory and lecture rooms in the Medical School is to be ready in the fall; this will cost about \$5,000, which is wholly The Legislature of North Carolina, last winter, provided for. granted an acre of the old Governor's mansion property adjoining the school property as a site for this edifice. At Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C., an addition costing about \$11,000, for girls, is begun; of this sum \$6,000 is provided. Leland University, New Orleans, it is hoped a building costing \$6,000, of which sum \$3,000 is pledged, may be built this year.

Other buildings are greatly needed at Richmond, Va., where there are no conveniences for the education of girls, and where enlarged accommodations are required for the school in general; also at Columbia, S. C., where we have very inferior and inadequate accommodations for young men. At Live Oak, Fla.; at Selma, Ala.; at Atlanta, Ga., and at Natchez, Miss., dormitory buildings are

needed for the students, who now board among the families of these places, having no proper places for quiet study. For these additions fully \$45,000 are needed. As an incentive to our colored brethren in Georgia, the Board has offered to give the avails of the sale of the old school property, to which we are entitled, toward the proposed new building in Atlanta, when they shall have secured enough beside to make altogether \$5,000. They are confident that this will soon be done.

In the schools longest established and located where general educational privileges have been enjoyed, regular courses of study are adopted and systematically pursued. In others, recently established, where the people generally are in ignorance, and pupils remain on an average not longer than five months, a progressive course of study for the entire school, from the beginning to the end of the academic year, is impossible. Instruction has to be adapted, for the time being, to individual necessities. The purpose is to raise the grade as rapidly as it can be done judiciously, making these schools institutions for higher Christian education. The aim has been to make them the largest possible blessing to the greatest number of those for whom they were founded. It will soon be necessary, however, to establish such standards as will preclude the admission of those whose lack of preparation in the rudiments of education make them a hindrance rather than a help to our work. Particular attention will be given the ensuing year to the courses of study in all our schools, that the growing demand for higher training may be met.

It is evidently impossible, even if it were desirable, to conduct ten or twelve thoroughly equipped Theological Schools for the Freedmen. One or two institutions of this character, however, are required, both for those students who desire to pursue a more thorough course of study, and for the churches of a few years hence, when such men will be in greater demand. While, therefore, general theological instruction is to be imparted in all existing schools for those whose attainments do not allow them to enter a thorough theological course, is it not clear that there must be concentration of efforts at one or two points to furnish this higher Biblical instruction?

Looking forward to this, the Trustees of Richmond Institute (one of our chartered schools) propose to establish a department for theo-

logical instruction of a higher order than is now furnished at any of our institutions. It is to be known as the "Richmond Biblical Institute," thereby distinguishing it from the literary department. A regular course of three years is proposed, and a shorter course of two years; while theological students who wish to take an eclectic course, and can do so without detriment to the regular classes, shall be received. The Board has formally approved this proposition of the Trustees, regarding it a timely action, and Richmond an excellent location for such a school.

The necessity of an Endowment Fund for all these schools increases every year as the grade of instruction rises, thereby demanding instructors of a higher order to whom larger compensation must be given. Several conditional promises have been made, amounting to about \$25,000, but an organized effort to secure at least \$200,000 should be made at once. The Board has adopted a form of subscription\* for this purpose, and earnestly invites the benevolent

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, at its Annual Meeting, in Saratoga, May 26th, 1880, recommended the establishment of an Endowment Fund for Freedmen Schools, and the Board of the Society, at a meeting held June 7th, 1880, took the following preliminary step to give effect to the vote of the Society:

Resolved, That the exigencies of the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society demand that immediate measures be taken to raise an Endowment Fund of \$200,000, the income of which shall be used for the support of teachers in Freedmen's schools founded or fostered by this Society.

Resolved, That subscribers to this Fund may designate the Institution which shall receive the income of their gifts; but, that all undesignated funds shall be used at the discretion of the Board for the general purposes mentioned.

Resolved, That the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society hereby agree to receive, invest and administer this Fund in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, upon this express condition, however, that if twenty years hence, or thereafter, such radical changes have occurred that in the judgment of the Society the income of this Fund is not required, or cannot be judiciously expended for the general purposes mentioned, or for the support of teachers in any Institution designated, then, and in that case, the Society may, at its discretion, devote the income of said Fund, or the income of any designated portion thereof, to other educational or missionary purposes among the descendants of the people known as Freedmen, in the United States, or, if at that time, in the judgment of the Society, there be not a reasonable demand for such use of the income, then a portion or the whole thereof may be applied to the most important features of the Society's work, as determined by the Society.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend this object to those whom God has

<sup>\*</sup>ENDOWMENT FUND FOR FREEDMEN SCHOOLS.

spirits in the denomination to make subscriptions to this Endowment Fund, which, when raised, will but partially sustain the schools, yet will lighten the present load and give permanence to this work. Inasmuch as many of our denominational institutions now have fair endowments, ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each, it seems fitting that attention should be given to the wants of a people who have not accumulated in the sixteen years of their liberties the means wherewith to maintain or endow these schools, and who of all people on earth deserve our aid in this matter.

Day-schools for the Freedmen in the Indian Territory have been carried on as previously by government aid. The Creek Nation has made a grant from its school funds of \$3,000 for the purchase or erection of suitable buildings for the education of the colored children in the nation, and we have been requested and have consented to take general management of the same.

prospered, and who would invest some of their wealth where it is greatly needed, and where it will be productive in the highest and the broadest sense for humanity and for God.

### FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Whereas, The American Baptist Home Mission Society recommends the establishment of an Endowment Fund, for the support of teachers in the Freedmen schools founded or fostered by this Society; and,

Whereas, We, who have subscribed our names hereto, do by that act declare our approval of said measure, as well as the plan of the immediate and the contingent administration of said Fund, and our desire and request that the said Society, through its Executive Board, should take upon itself the burden and the expense of securing additions to this Fund, until it shall amount to at least \$200,000; and,

Whereas, The said Society, in consideration of said request and of the importance and necessity of the work, has taken upon itself the burden and expense of procuring subscriptions to said Fund, and of collecting, investing and administering the same;

Now, therefore, We, the subscribers, in consideration of the premises, do hereby agree to and with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and with each other, to pay to the Treasurer of said Society for the time being, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund, the sums set opposite to our names respectively, the same to be paid in three equal annual instalments, unless otherwise specified by us in writing at the time of our several subscriptions, in which case we agree to pay the same as thus specified.

Dr. Marston has devoted his time principally to holding Biblical Institutes for pastors and deacons as hitherto. The field, however, is too large to be properly worked by one man. After careful consideration of the subject and consultation with Dr. Marston and the Presidents of our schools, the Board, in January, decided upon a plan for the thorough reorganization of our Southern work.\* By this plan more Institutes can be held each year than under the former arrangement; the bonds between the schools and their supporters will be strengthened, and missionary service of great value will be rendered.

\*1. That the Principal of each Freedmen School, aided by the A. B. H. M. Society, be requested to arrange for not less than six "Biblical Institutes," in each long summer vacation, for the instruction of pastors and deacons of colored churches, as follows: Professor King, in the district including Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Northern West Virginia; Professor Corey, in Southern Virginia and SouthernWest Virginia; Professor Tupper, in North Carolina; Professor Goodspeed, in South Carolina; Professor Roberts, in Georgia; Professor Fish, in Florida and Southern Georgia; Professor Axtell, in Southern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi; Professor Ayer, in Central and Northern Mississippi, and the river district of Louisiana; Professor Woodsmall, in Alabama; Professor Phillips, in Tennessee and Kentucky; and that necessary traveling and incidental expenses incurred by each Principal and his associates in this work be paid by the Board, when not met by contributions from those in attendance at said Institutes.

2. That Rev. S. W. Marston, D. D., be appointed to hold "Biblical Institutes" and to work up the Marshall School enterprise, in the district embracing Missouri, Arkansas, Western Louisiana, Texas and the Indian Territory.

3. That immediate steps be taken to secure the cooperation of Baptist State Conventions in the principal Southern States, for the appointment and support of a general missionary among the colored people of each State or the Districts aforesaid, whose duties shall be:

(1.) To cooperate with the Principals of the schools in arranging for and holding "Biblical-Institutes."

(2.) To do missionary work in destitute localities—by preaching, organizing churches and Sunday-schools, and religious visitation.

(3.) To attend Associations and Conventions specially for the purpose of representing the educational and missionary work of the Society.

(4.) To secure collections for this work.

(5.) To seek out promising young men for the schools.

(6.) To attend, when practicable, councils for ordination.

(7.) To assist in introducing graduates of schools to churches with a view to settlement as pastors.

(8.) To keep the Corresponding Secretary advised of matters of interest in the State.

The plan has the hearty endorsement of the heads of the schools, even though additional burdens are thus laid upon them. It is also received with favor by the people. The first to cooperate with us under this plan was the Mississippi Baptist Convention (white), Rev. A. H. Booth being General Missionary for that State and Eastern Louisiana. The Florida State Convention (colored), cooperates in sustaining Rev. Jno. N. Stokes as General Missionary for that State and Southern Georgia. The Virginia State Convention (colored). has also heartily entered into cooperation with us for the support of general missionaries in the districts tributary to Richmond Institute and Wayland Seminary, Rev. W. B. Johnson being already appointed for the latter field. Rev. N. F. Roberts has been appointed for North Carolina, and other arrangements are in progress. Many Conventions meet late in the season, when their formal cooperation is expected. Thus our work for the Freedmen receives a new impetus. While the immediate expense may be somewhat increased, the ultimate economy of this plan will appear through the development of the resources of the field.

Peculiar significance attaches to this department of our work when we reflect that the ratio of increase in the colored population of the South is greater than that among the whites—that from 5,000,000 ten years ago they have now become 6,500,000, and that in A. D. 1900, twenty years hence, at the same rate of increase, they will number about 12,000,000. So to plan now that we may hold and mould that coming mass for Christ requires the wisdom and foresight that God alone can give.

### WESTERN MISSIONS.

Particular attention has been given to the strengthening of our interests in the older mission fields, and in occupying new fields in the West. We have entered into cooperation with the Conventions of Wisconsin, California and the North Pacific Coast, including Oregon, Washington Territory, Idaho and British Columbia. The whole number of cooperating Western Conventions is eight. Within the borders of each a general missionary has been appointed, as also one for Colorado and Wyoming and Northern New Mexico; one for Southern New Mexico; one for lower Dakota, and another for upper Dakota and the Northern Pacific Railroad; while in Arizona, Utah and Mon-

tana, local missionaries at central points have general superintendence of large adjacent districts.

The missionary force to our American population has been increased from 158 last year to 209 this year. It has been very painful to be compelled to refuse aid to many who needed it, who are doing excellent work on new fields, the story of whose trials and self-denials are most touching. It has been painful to be unable to occupy important points when pre-occupation would have been invaluable to our interests. It has been painful to make so small appropriations to missionaries, that their families, by practicing the most rigid economy, could barely subsist thereon. The fact is, that the salaries of our home missionaries are entirely inadequate to enable these men to do the most effective service; too small often to secure the men whom we want most in these fields, where master-workmen are needed for that foundation work on which the religious superstructure of the future is to rest. The best men obtainable are not too good for this service. Western Conventions, and the missionaries themselves, have appealed for larger appropriations. To these appeals we can only respond: that with a given amount to expend for missionary service, but two courses are open-either to appoint a small number of missionaries on liberal salaries, or a larger number at most moderate salaries. By the latter method, while we occupy more fields, we cannot secure the most efficient service, nor the talent that would otherwise enter the service. By the former method, while we make strong a few points, many others, for lack of a little assistance, receive no attention what-The only solution is in largely increased contributions for home missions. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well. do this work well requires larger outlays of talent and of means than have been made during the last decade, and such outlay is practicable by a denomination with the numbers and the wealth of the Baptists of this land.

Our present strength in the older States of the West is largely due to the timely tillage of these fields in their early settlement, as in the State of Indiana, at whose capital, where we meet on this occasion, Ezra Fisher, in 1833, preached as a missionary of this Society, and throughout whose borders our missionaries have proclaimed the Gospel at 414 regular preaching stations and 197 outstations. They who have freely received and have thereby become influential, are now

called upon to freely give, that what has been here may be repeated in the farther West.

The rapidity with which the West is filling up, the unparalleled activity in railroad enterprises, admonish us that ordinary giving and ordinary measures will not avail for an extraordinary time like this The enterprise, the energy, the vitality of the old world and of the new are pouring into those vast western regions. Our missionaries should be everywhere to meet and greet them. dram-shop and the gambling-house should not be opened months or years before a place of worship is opened, or before a missionary is sent to the growing town. Satanic enterprise should be matched by Christian enterprise. If young men especially and others as well, ever need religious surroundings, it is when they first go as strangers to their new homes in the West. some instances we have had the joy of starting our work with the beginnings of settlements. To do this more generally will be our endeavor just as rapidly as contributions for the work enable us to put pioneer missionaries in the field, with a prospect that the churches they gather will not be left shepherdless after their organization.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In the development of churches in the West, as in the East, it is important that particular attention be given to the Sunday-school. An interesting Sunday-school, supplied with proper lesson-helps and papers, is indispensable to the highest success in securing congregations and gathering material for the church in coming days. The missionaries of the Society, therefore, devote much attention to this work among the young, both at their churches and outstations. They report 554 schools, with an attendance of 29,090 pupils. It is very often true, however, that in new localities, where money is scarce, our feeble churches, after doing their utmost for their pastor's support, are unable to raise means wherewith to maintain a prosperous Sunday-school. This is the weak place in our frontier missions. The Society has not means for grants to these schools, except as contributions are sent to us designated for that purpose. During the year, from individuals and from schools, frequent contributions have been received for Sunday-school work on our mission fields. This as been very cheering and helpful. It is fitting that Sunday-schools.

should thus be trained to remember those who are unprovided with the privileges they enjoy. Their offerings are therefore solicited.

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Hand in hand with the living teacher in missionary fields should go religious literature. A union of these agencies is far more effective than either singly. The missionary who, after his personal interviews, can leave for thoughtful perusal an appropriate book or tract, following that in time with other interviews and other works, has a great advantage over him who has not these helps. Thus also are the people educated and indoctrinated in our views of truth. The missionaries and teachers of the Society usually labor among those who have little religious literature, and are unable to procure it. They are, therefore, in a position for the judicious distribution of what is placed at their disposal. For this purpose, during the year, Hon. Wm. Bucknell of Philadelphia, has placed to our credit in the Publication Society, \$1,000; Smith Sheldon, Esq., of New York, has made large contributions of school-books, bibles and religious literature for the Freedmen; while from Rev. Emerson Andrews, Prof. Norman Fox, S. S. Cutting, D.D., and others, similar gifts have been received. Ministers and others who propose to make some benevolent disposition of their libraries, in part or wholly, are invited to consider the need of libraries in the schools for the Freedmen, and how great a help a few books would be to the students who go forth to preach. If for the missionaries of the Society arrangements could be made whereby they should receive regular supplies of religious literature as their fields require, the gain to them and to their work would be great.

### MEXICO.

Our work in Mexico, begun in 1869, was suspended in 1876, owing mainly to the disorganized condition of things in that country, and the consequent hindrance to religious efforts. Several Baptist churches survive, and ask our cooperation in prosecution of missionary work there. The Board has already appointed a suitable man to this field.

This reopening of our Mexican Mission must be regarded with great interest at this time when Mexico, invaded by American enterprise and capital, threaded by new and projected railway lines of great extent, is awaking to a new career. A temporal revolution is

in progress there. The great need is a religious revolution. The castles of ecclesiastical tyranny, ignorance and superstition need for their complete demolition, Baptist ideas of religious liberty, of a democratic church, of believers' baptism, of the supreme authority of God's Word. The population of Mexico is about 9,000,000, many of whom are but little better than pagans. The proximity and the relations of that land to our own, together with this eventful period of its history, call upon us to engage most earnestly in efforts for its evangelization. If we should expend \$10,000 for missions in Mexico, it would be far less than some other religious societies are doing, and far less than duty to these benighted millions demands.

### CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT.

A new departure in our Church Edifice Work has been inaugurated during the year. In accordance with instructions of the Society at its last meeting, the Board proceeded to ascertain what change, if any, could be made in the administration of the established Loan Fund. The questions involved were submitted to able legal advisers, who rendered the opinion that neither the Society nor the Legislature can intervene to alter the terms of the original agreement, and without consent of the donors make them parties to a new agreement. The consent of the original contributors, however, was regarded sufficient for the release of their gifts from the terms of the Loan Fund, and for the transfer of the same to the Benevolent Department of Church Edifice Work.

Before this decision was rendered a plan for the Benevolent Department of this Fund had been matured and adopted. This plan is herewith appended.\* The Board then conferred

<sup>\*</sup>GENERAL RULES FOR THE BENEVOLENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE FUND OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

<sup>1.</sup> The funds of this Department shall be given only to aid in the erection or purchase of church edifices of moderate cost.

<sup>2.</sup> As a general rule, \$500 shall be the limit of appropriation to any church, and no application for aid from a church costing more than \$10,000 will be entertained.

<sup>3.</sup> All grants to be made on condition that at least twice the amount be secured from the community in which the church edifice is to be erected.

<sup>4.</sup> Every church thus aided must be legally incorporated, and furnish an Abstract of Title, with official searches, showing that the church or corporation has on record a good title to, and owns in fee simple and unencumbered, the lot on which the church edifice is located.

with the principal surviving contributors to the Loan Fund to procure their consent to the transfer of their gifts to the Benevolent Fund—the principal to be invested and the income applied in gifts to churches requiring aid for erection of edifices, in accordance with the plan adopted. The responses so far have liberated \$81,727 of the old Fund for the new Fund. It is expected that about \$100,000 will be secured, leaving over \$100,000 for the Loan Fund—an amount, with accretions that the Fund will receive, sufficient to meet the demands in this direction.

The number of churches to which loans have been granted during the year is 14. The number that have fully paid their indebtedness to the Fund is 27. The number having loans from the Fund is 198. Commendable interest has been shown in many quarters in paying

### SUBSCRIPTION.

Whereas, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, through its Executive Board duly empowered for the purpose, has matured and adopted a plan for assisting deserving churches on its missionary field, to procure or to erect suitable houses of worship unencumbered with debt, and at the same time, by said

<sup>5.</sup> Every application for aid must proceed from the body which has title to the property and manages the business affairs of the church, according to the laws of the State in which the church is located.

<sup>6.</sup> Such application shall state that the applicants have done all in their power, and that nothing less than the amount asked will complete or purchase the house of worship.

<sup>7.</sup> The grant shall not be paid until the Executive Board has satisfactory evidence that the sum will complete the house and leave the property and congregation free of all indebtedness, except in special cases where a small loan also has been obtained from the Church Edifice Fund.

<sup>8.</sup> The church aided shall furnish a conditional mortgage on the property for the return of the amount granted, with lawful interest thereon from its date, in case the property shall ever cease to be used for the purposes of a regular Baptist Church, or be alienated from the Baptist denomination. Printed forms of such mortgage will be furnished by the Society.

<sup>9.</sup> The church shall, without cost to the Society, keep the house insured for an amount at least equal to the grant, with loss, if any, payable to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

<sup>10.</sup> Every church receiving a grant shall pledge itself to send an annual contribution regularly to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

<sup>11.</sup> Every application shall be approved, when practicable, by the General Missionary, or the Board of the State Convention, which includes the church.

<sup>12.</sup> These rules may be modified as may be deemed best by the Executive Board, provided only that the general principles of the plan be preserved.

long-standing obligations to this Fund. But it is more and more evident that while for a few cases the loan system answers a good purpose, it is not the thing for the mass of our missionary churches. Money is not loaned to mission churches for the support of their pastors, why should it be loaned to them for the erection of a house, without which the labors of a missionary are comparatively ineffective so far as tangible results are concerned?

Careful inquiry discloses the fact that in the missionary fields of the Society, chiefly west of the Mississipi, there are quite 800 houseless churches, while among the Freedmen and the Indians it is estimated that there are at least 500 more—1,300 houseless Baptist churches in our land! Statistics show that in our mission fields new churches arise on an average of one for every week in the year, so that in five years some 250 churches needing edifices will be added to the list. Fifteen hundred houseless churches to be sheltered in the next five years! Three hundred per year! Can it be done? A few of these will build without aid. Some of the feeblest will ultimately merge with other interests. But, after deducting these, it is clear that the erection of 150 to 200 church edifices annually for the next five years is the very least that should be attempted. To do this about \$75,000 annually will be required. This is less than

plan, secures the amounts thus granted for the perpetual use of the Baptist Denomination; and for the said object has established the Benevolent Department of the Church Edifice Fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society;

And Whereas, We, who have subscribed our names hereto, do, by that act, declare our approval of said plan, and our desire and request that the said Society should greatly enlarge its work in this direction, and should take upon itself the burden and expense of procuring subscriptions for this object, and of collecting and managing the same;

AND WHEREAS, The said Society, in consideration of said request, and of the importance and necessity of the work, has assumed said responsibility;

Now, Therefore, We, the subscribers, in consideration of the premises, do hereby agree to and with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and with each other, to pay to the Treasurer of said Society for the time being, to be used for the objects of said Benevolent Fund, the sums set opposite to our names respectively—the principal thereof to be appropriated directly to this work unless otherwise indicated by us in the subscription, and to be paid in two equal annual instalments, unless otherwise specified by us in writing at the time of our several subscriptions, in which case we agree to pay the same as thus specified.

other leading denominations are expending and proposing to expend in the same work.

For this purpose the new Fund already referred to will yield an income of about \$5,000. Unless large contributions are received, this essential work must languish, and we shall lose opportunities as a denomination never to be recovered; we shall lose the people who would naturally compose our congregations, but who identify themselves with congregations of other denominations worshipping in their own edifices; we shall lose the Sunday-school children, and so the men and the women of the future; while the struggling churches will lose the inspiration and hope which spring from a good house of worship. A houseless church has a hard career. To assist churches in erecting houses of worship is to make them sooner an established fact, and to diminish the time and amount of missionary aid for the support of their pastors. Having meeting-houses to begin with, churches come to self-support in far less time than without houses, while their efficiency is greatly increased.

It is evident that great stress must be laid upon this feature of our work, and special measures be adopted to secure the requisite funds. With gratitude we mention the pledges of \$15,000 from Jno. H. Deane, Esq., and \$5,000 from Mrs. C. C. Bishop, of New York, for the Benevolent Fund, the whole amount to be used the present year. Smaller sums have been received from other sources. This enabled the Board, in February, to apportion \$25,000 for the erection of church edifices in the West. It gave new inspiration to our work in that region. But this is barely half the sum needed for this year's operations; and what of the continuance of the work? The question is respectfully submitted to the Society, and its decision requested, whether a special solicitor shall not be placed in the field to obtain the means we need. Inasmuch as our churches generally may not be disposed to make special contributions for this object, (although among some other denominations it has a stated place in the plan of benevolence,) the labors of a solicitor would necessarily be largely with individuals. The District Secretaries cannot efficiently add this specialty to their present work which crowds them to the utmost. Within the next five or six years \$500,000 will be required for this purpose.

The utmost possible care is taken in making appropriations from

this Fund. Our plan of cooperation with Western State Conventions now includes in the duties of their several Boards the supervision of Church Edifice Work. Our appropriations are made chiefly upon recommendations of these Boards, or a proper committee thereof, who understand the whole field, and can best determine what applications are most urgent or important. This system, together with an equitable apportionment to each section, insures a wise and fair distribution of the Fund. In Territories where no Convention exists, the endorsement of the General Missionary or some judicious pastors is obtained before the grant is made. It is believed that the mode of dispensing these gifts was never so good as now.

To assist churches in securing the most tasteful, convenient and commodious houses practicable for the money, the Board invited architects to furnish designs for houses costing respectively \$1,500, \$2,500 and \$5,000, from which the best and three second-best designs were to be selected. The sum of \$520 for these awards was the gift of Mr. Deane. The six designs adopted have been photo-lithographed and published in the *Home Mission Monthly*, and distributed to the Boards of Conventions. Arrangements are made with the architects whereby working drawings and specifications, with bill of quantities and estimates are furnished to churches adopting these plans, at greatly reduced rates. This new feature of our Church Edifice Work cannot fail to be of great value in constructing the many new houses soon to be erected.

### A HOME MISSION REVIVAL.

Evidence accumulates of a growing interest in Home Missions. More churches have contributed than in former years. As a rule, their contributions have been larger. The District Secretaries find a hearty welcome from congregations who listen eagerly to their statements. Information about the work is continually called for. This has been furnished through the *Home Mission Monthly* which has a steadily increasing circulation, and many copies of which are gratuitously distributed; also through special leaflets, and through the denominational papers, which have kindly tendered their columns for the information more and more desired by their readers. Ministers in the Eastern States and young men in Theological Seminaries are offering themselves for service in the West, almost beyond our ability to send

them. The monthly concert of prayer for missions, in many churches, includes regularly our own missions in North America. This is in accordance with the original idea of such meetings—prayer for missions throughout the world. To leave out from these concerts of prayer the needs of our own land would be unnatural and wrong.

These quickened pulsations of Christian hearts we regard as of Divine origin, and a preparation for the impending religious struggle between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness throughout the world—a struggle in which America must necessarily bear a leading part.

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

"How is it that ye do not discern this time?" were our Lord's reproving words to the dull men of old. Do we discern the signs of this time in which we live, so far as relates to God's work in America? What of the marvellous activity throughout the land? What of the strengthening of our material resources? What of the inflow of capital from the old world? Are they not hints of grander spiritual enterprises near at hand, for the prosecution of which these treasures shall furnish the material supplies? What of the hundreds of thousands coming hither annually, and of the millions attracted to America as by some mysterious and mighty magnet? Last year, 457,257 immigrants arrived from the old world. This year, thus far, shows an increase of 33 per cent., indicating an influx of 600,000 souls in 1881. Among the arrivals at the port of New York during the past four months, twenty nationalities were represented.

Men out of every nation under Heaven are gathering here as they were gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. God's hand was in that—is not His hand in this also? Is it not His purpose that in this land, preëminent for its Gospel privileges, they shall hear through our missionaries, in their own tongues, the old story of the wonderful works of God for human redemption, as they never heard it before? Is there not approaching a pentecostal manifestation of the Spirit's power, with its great ingathering that shall thrill the world and fill Heaven with rejoicing? For the bestowal of this blessing and for a fresh anointing that shall fit us for our mission, that shall bring with it a new consecration of our persons and our possessions, and enable us to make the most of these rare opportunities, American Christians,

with one accord, should make supplication to Him, whose we are and whose glory we seek.

The ripening processes of God's providences are hastening, bidding us hasten, too. These vast home mission fields, with a population, including foreigners, Freedmen, Indians, Mexicans and the frontier settlements, amounting to some 24,000,000, are white unto the harvest.

Does evil pour into our borders at a fearful rate, as the discontented and anarchical elements of the old world add their turbid currents to the infidelity here abounding? "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Even so there is hope. But along with the evil comes a larger element of quiet, temperate, industrious, intelligent people, many of whom are dissatisfied with ecclesiastical systems sustained by secular power, and regard with interest the spirituality of our voluntary religious organizations. Our time with them is now. The Freedmen, swiftly advancing toward their higher goal, are the most receptive people God ever gave to His church to fashion for Himself. They will not always be thus. Our time with them is now. The Indian problem approaches its solution, and with it dawns the new day of the restoration of the Indian's confidence in his white brother-in all of which we see a preparation for the readier reception of the Gospel. Our time with them is now. In Mexico the spirit of inquiry is abroad. Our time there is now. Throughout our frontiers, where population increased during the last decade from 60 to 368 per cent., where souls are straying as sheep without a shepherd, and where the type of the giant forces of the future is to be determined by what Christians do, or fail to do to-day, our time is now-now or never. Do we not hear God saying in trumpet tones: "ENLARGE THE PLACE OF THY TENT! SPARE NOT! LENGTHEN THY CORDS AND STRENGTHEN THY STAKES! FOR THOU SHALL BREAK FORTH ON THE RIGHT HAND AND THE LEFT." May God give us understanding of the times to know what we ought to do.

### SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE SOCIETY.

The next anniversary of the Society, in 1882, will complete a half century of its existence. A representative gathering from all sections of the country in which this Society has prosecuted its work during the last fifty years, to review what has been wrought, and to deliberate concerning what is yet to be done,

would be a fitting feature of the occasion, and it is recommended that measures be taken to secure such a meeting. And inasmuch as the city of New York was the birthplace of the Society, it is suggested that its jubilee be celebrated there, and that the general invitation from the churches of New York city and vicinity be

accepted by the Society.

The occasion should be a red-letter day in the history of Home With a half century's work behind us and a half century's work ahead, the meeting in 1882 should be the grandest of any in our history. The exigencies of the hour call loudly for an uprising of American Baptists for the establishment of righteousness in our land. An offering worthy of the occasion, worthy of the denomination, and somewhat adequate to the demands of the work, should be made on or before that meeting, as a crowning act of Christian consecration for the conquest of North America for Christ. The very lowest amount to be thought of and aimed at is FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. Every dollar of this is needed. We should have \$150,000 for enlarged missionary operations; \$50,000 for educational work among the Freedmen and the Indians: \$50,000 for additional buildings to properly accommodate teachers and pupils; \$150,000 for Church Edifice work this year and the year to come; and at least \$100,000 secured on Endowment Fund for Freedmen's schools. We can easily do this if we will. Many of our leading educational institutions having been well endowed, is it not the next great duty of American Baptists to devote their attention and their means to the upbuilding of our cause where aid is most needed? Home Missions underlie all Christian institutions and enterprises. Out of Home Missions spring, as facts show, Academies, Colleges and Theological Seminaries, and a constituency to maintain them. A vigorous prosecution of Home Missions eventuates in vigorous educational institutions, and a vigorous denominational life generally. For these reasons the work of the Society appeals powerfully to the support of the Baptists of the land, and the response in 1882 ought to be equal to the sum mentioned. And so the year will be indeed to our mission work in North America a year of JUBILEE.

S. S. CONSTANT.

H. L. MOREHOUSE,

Chairman of Executive Board.

Corresponding Secretary.

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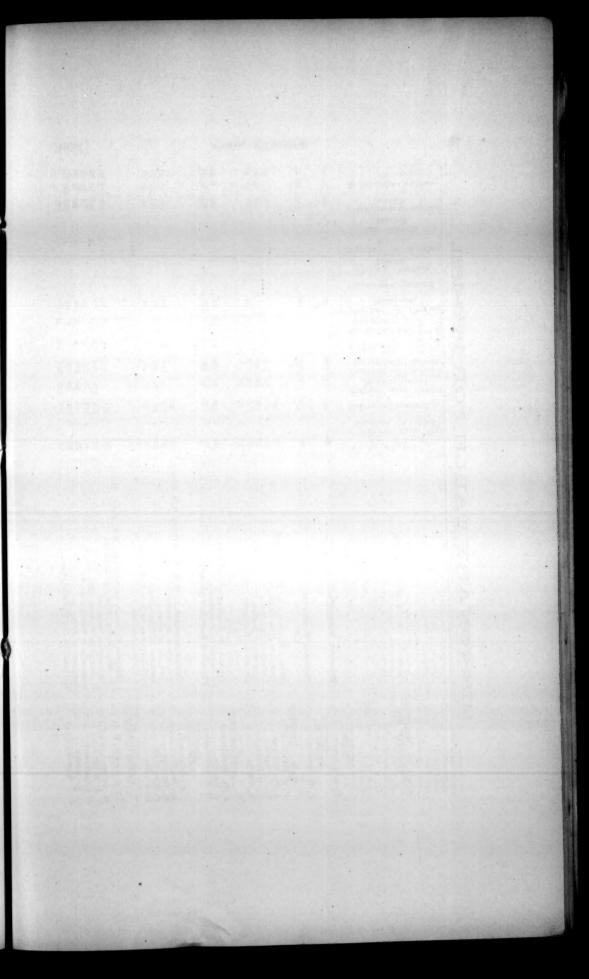
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# LEGACIES

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1880.		
April.—Mrs. Rebecca Walker, Dexter, Mich., Geo. C. Page, Executor.	\$100	00
May.—Rev. T. B. Robinson, Searsmont, Me	1,000	00
Mary Thayer, Randolph, Mass., in part, Seth Mann, Executor	10	00
Miss Mann, Foxboro', Mass., per O. Carey, for Freedmen's		
Fund	100	00
Interest on Legacy of Polly Mitchell, Manchester, N. Y., per		
Trustees of First Church	24	90
Henry Alger, Brockport, Ohio, per Hon. J. P. Bishop	156	25
Rev. Rufus Freeman, Seville, Ohio, for Freedmen's Fund	500	00
Rev. W. McD. Potter, Denver, Col., in addition	3,725	46
June. Eleanor S. Longstreet, Holmdel, N. J., Jonathan Longstreet,		
Executor	500	00
Miss Sarah Jane Ogden, Greenwich, N. J	- 22	00
July.—Interest on Estate of Jno. Wood, per Rev. A. P. Mason, D. D.,		
Trustee	51	33
Semi-annual interest on Bequest of Jno. Edwards, South-		
bridge, Mass	26	25
Fanny Prior, Westfield, N. J., J. Warren Brown, Executor	100	00
Interest on Legacy of J. P. Rexford, Nashville, Tenn., for		
Nashville Institute	27	00
Hannah J. Davis, Allegan, Mich., in part, per Hon. H. C.		
Eriggs, for Church Edifice Fund	35	00
Deacon Jno. Reider, Mill Creek, Ohio, in part	250	00
Mrs. Ann Ross, Cincinnati, Ohio	50	00
Sophronia L. Steer, Kendallville, Ind., J. R. Bunyan, Admin-		
istrator	50	00
Rev. W. McD. Potter, Denver, Col., in addition	1,127	50
August.—Annuity of Polly Browning, Uncasville, Conn., Geo. D.		
Jerome, Trustee	7	00
Interest on Bequest of Joanna Barrett, Putnam, Conn., per J.		
W. Manning		12
Rev. W. McD. Potter, Denver, Col., in addition	279	
September.—Friend Crane, Canton, Mass., per Ellis Ames	650	
Mrs. Davis, Clarion Association, Pa		00
Harriet S. Mack. Magnolia. Del	50	00

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Miss Susan Farnham, Clinton, Conn. .....

Mary A. Bagley, Millerton, N. Y., G. W. Bagley, Administrator

Interest on Legacy of Polly Mitchell, Manchester, N. Y......

Leonard Matteson, South Hartwick, N. Y., Amos Matteson,

I. D. Avery, Plymouth, N. Y., per Hiram Frink, in addition . .

C. R. Cowell, Newark, N. J., C. E. Cowell, Executor....

Interest on Legacy of J. P. Rexford, Nashville, Tenn., for Nashville Institute....

James M. Linnard, Philadelphia, Pa...

Mrs. Mary A. Denike, Ypsilanti, Mich., for Church Edifice

February.-C. R. Cowell, Newark, N. J., C. E. Cowell, Executor, in

Seth Mitchell, Montrose, Pa.....

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March.—Mrs. Susan Anderson, Concord, N. H., E. E. Cummings,		
Executor	\$100	00
Esther Grandy, Panton, Vt., E. G. Stagg, Executor	283	00
Interest on Legacy of Benj. Porter, Danversport, Mass., Chas.		
Davis, Trustee		13
Jno. Putnam, Boston, Mass., Wm. M. and Samuel Putnam,		
Executors	500	00
S. C. Demorest, Boston, Mass., Jesse Tirrell, Executor, for the		
Freedmen's Fund, \$5,000; for the Church Edifice Fund,		
\$5,000	10,000	00
Mercie P. Blake, Chicopee Falls, Mass., for Church Edifice		
Fund	2,000	00
Sarah K. Gage, Methuen, Mass., Geo. W. Gage, Executor	800	00
Mrs. Lomira F. Cheever, Westborough, Mass., D. H. Brigham,		
Executor	140	00
Lyman Clark, Castile, N. Y., per N. H. Clark	885	00
Mrs. Mary E. Paddon, Utica, N. Y., John Thorn, Executor	122	47
Alvah W. Little, Greenwich, N. Y., per Rev. J. O. Mason	74	80
Mrs. Catharine Coon Bush, Medina, N. Y., Miss Mary E. Coon,		
Executrix	100	00
Friend Lasher, Amenia, N. Y., Rev. A. K. Parker, Executor	125	00
Mrs. Mary A. Denike, Ypsilanti, Mich., for Church Edifice		
Fund, in addition	16	35
Mrs. Marietta Eldridge, Aurora, Ohio, W. T. Eldridge, Execu-		
tor	590	
Rev. Ezra Going, Granville, Ohio, F. O. Marsh, Executor	157	00
Jno. Reider, Millbrook, Ohio, George Strock, Executor, in		
addition	125	00
Total	34,537	03

# DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

## Constituted such During the Year.

### Life Directors.

Baldwin, O. M., Pana, Ill. Bowker Geo. M., Fitchburg, Mass., by self.

Du Bois, Miss Annie E., New York, by her father.

Hartman, Rev. J. W., Pittsburg, Pa., by Fourth Ave. Church.

Herr, Henry H., Canton, Ill.

Huntley, Byron E., Brockport, N. Y., by self. Hoblitt, C. D., Canton, Ill.

Judson, Rev. Edward, North Orange, N. J., by the Church.

Knapp, L. C., Tonica, Ill.

Lawrence, William, Canton, Ill.

Noble, R. W., West Somerset, N. Y., by self.

Palmer, Rev. J. H., Yates, N. Y., by the Church.

Randall, Rev. N. B., Norristown, Pa., by the Church.

Richardson, I. N., Taylorville, Ill, Robinson, Sumner, Tonica, Ill.

Soper, B. J., Malone, N. Y., by the St. Lawrence Asso.

Stewart, Rev. David, Corinna, Me, by self. Sweet, A. L., Chicago, Ill.

Tefft, Rev. Lyman B., Nashville, Tennessee, by self.

### Life Members.

Adams, Mrs. Hannah M., Saxtons River, Vt., by the 1st Church.

Barden, John C., Middleboro, Mass., by Central Church.

Baird, Rev. E. C., Monongahela City, Pa., by the Church.

Barker, William B., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Bennett, Mrs. Adoniram J., Providence, R. I., by Friendship St. Church.

Berryman, John, North Orange, N. J., by Charles J. Martin.

Blackburn, Rev. Alexander, Lafayette, Ind., by the Church.

Blaine, Rev. Malnor C., Pittsburgh. Pa., by Mt. Washington Church.

Bliffins, Mary H., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.

Bliss, William W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Strong Place Church.

Blossom, Nancy M., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.

Blundell, Charlotte, Providence, R. I., by the Friendship St. Church.

Boardman Rev. B. G., Hope Valley, R. I., by the 2d Hopkinton Church.

Boice, Ephraim D., Plainfield, N. J., by Samptown Church.

Bogart, Vincent D.. New York, by Central Park Church.

Bolton, Margaret A., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.

Bosson, Albert D., Chelsea, Mass., by Carey Ave. Church.

Booth, Rev. C. M., Canton, N. Y., by the St. Lawrence Asso.

Brigham, Dexter M., Springfield, Mass., by State St. Church.

Brown, Mrs. E. F., Ashtabula, Ohio, by herself.

Broughton, Bradford J., Malone, N. Y., by the Church.

Brush, Thomas C., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Bryden, James, Chelsea, Mass., by Carey Ave. Church.

Burnett, Rev. Hiram, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Burns, William G., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Buswell, Ettie, Troy, N. Y., by the 1st Church.

Byram, Wm. Henry, Vineland, N. J., by a friend.

Carey, Alfred, Philadelphia, Pa., by the 11th Church.

Church, Nathaniel, North Mansfield, Mass., by self.

Clark, Florello, Mannsville, N. Y., by his father.

Clark, James R., Providence, R. I., by the Friendship St. Church.

Clark, Mrs. Louisa C., Troy, N. Y., by Mrs. Samuel Shepard.

Coffman, J., Dayton, Ohio, by self.

Coit, Rev. A., Wellsville, N. Y., by the Church. Cooke, Rev. John B., Lima, Ohio, by the Church.

Cooke, George, North Orange, by Chas. J. Martin.

Conley, Rev. C. E., Tecumseh, Mich., by the Church.

Cornwell, E. J., Northampton, Mass., by the Church.

Cox. George, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Crofut, Charles H., Danbury, Ct., by the 2d Church.

Dare Mrs. Amelia M., Greenwich, N. J., by the Church.

Davidson, Rev. S. C., Aurora, Ind., by the Church.

Davol, Francis M., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.

Davis, Rev. James L., North Orange, N. J., by Chas. J. Martin. Ditmars, Garrett, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Downey, Mrs. Mary, Clifton Park, N. Y., by the Church.

Durbrow, William G., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Earle, Mrs. Julia, Saxtons River, Vt., by the 1st Church.

Farnum, Rev. W. L., Owosso, Mich., by the Church.

Farnsworth, Charles, Saxtons River, Vt., by the 1st Church.

Fillmore, Mrs. Millard, Buffalo, N. Y., by self. Fisk, John E., Malone, N. Y., by the Church.

Fosdick, Laura Bell, Lynn, Mass., by L. J. Fosdick.

Fosdick, Ethel Alburta, Lynn, Mass., by L. J. Fosdick.

Foster, Eli F., Springfield, Mass., by State St. Church.

Foster, Prof. J. B., Waterville, Me., by Baptist Church.

Gerrie, James, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Grady, Mrs. John D. W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Herkimer St. Church.

Grant, Anson F., Westfield, N. J., by the Church.

Griffin, Mary, Factoryville, Pa., by the Church.

Hale, Prof. E. W., Waterville, Me., by Baptist Church.

Hale, Miss Georgiana M., Providence, R. I., by Friendship St. Church.

Halsey, Miss Stella Lee, Farmer Village, N. Y., by Farmer Village Church.

Hambly James O., Tiverton, R. I., by Baptist Church.

Hand, Silas W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Harlow, Mrs. Mary M., Throopsville, N. Y., by the Church.

Harney, John, Chelsea, Mass,, by Carey Ave. Church.

Henry, Thomas G., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Henry, Mrs. S. E. P., Cavendish, Mass., by Cavendish Church.

Hoffman, Joseph H., Roxboro, Pa., by Church.
Holbrook, F. M., Gouverneur, N. Y., St. Lawrence Asso.

- Hooper, Charles B., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.
- Ives, Jonathan, Elizabeth, N. J., by 1st Church.
- Johnson, Henry, Brooklyn, N. Y.. by Marcy Ave. Church.
- Johnson, Isaac, Eagleville, Pa., by self.
- Johnson, Mrs. Milton C., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Herkimer St. Church.
- Kelsay, Miss Eveline D., Brooklyn, N. Y., by 6th Ave. Church.
- Kendal, A. M., Saxtons River, Vt., by the 1st Church.
- Kimball, G. F., Xenia, Ohio, by the Church.
- Kirby. William, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.
- Kirk, Rev. A. G., Newcastle, Pa.
- Kirkham, Mrs. Sarah E., Newark, N. J. by the Church.
- Lansing, Rev. M. B., Cherryville, N. J., by the Church.
- Latham, Rev. Frank T., Suffield, Conn., by 1st Church.
- Leonard, J. M., Somerset, Mass., by Somerset Church,
- Leonard, Henry B., Somerset, Mass., by Somerset Church.
- Leonard, Ralph Emerson, Somerset, Mass., by Somerset Church.
- Leyman, Jacob, Canton, Ohio, by the Church. Lyford, Prof. M., Waterville, Me., by the Baptist Church.
- Lyon, Charles, Danbury, Conn., by the 2d Church.
- MacGregor, Rev. Malcom, Fredonia, N. Y., by Mr. David Barrell.
- Main, Ida, Troy, N. Y., by 1st Church.
- Manchester, Asa P., New Bedford, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Manchester, Giles, Providence, R. I., by the Friendship St. Church.
- Matteson, Amos, South Hartwick, N. Y., by Leonard Matteson, deceased.
- Matteson, Henry, South Hartwick, N. Y., by Leonard Matteson, deceased.
- Maynard, Walter H. A., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Marcy Ave. Church.
- McCoy, Annie N., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.
- McWhinnie, James, Waterbury, Ct., by the Church.

- Meeker, Miss Martha M., Malone, N. Y., by the Church.
- Merrill, William, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.
- Messler, Mrs. H. B., Canton, Ill.
- Mick, Rev. William M., Lambertville, N. J., by the Church.
- McGill, Albert H., New York, by Madison Ave. Church.
- Millett, Benjamin, Woburn, Mass., by the Church.
- Mills, Thomas M. K., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.
- Mills, Mrs. Esther, Woburn, Mass., by the Church.
- Morse, Rev. Frank R., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Tabernacle Church.
- Morgan, Rev. R. C., Connellsville, Pa., by Church.
- Mosher, Andrew J., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.
- Mott, Rev. C. A., Millville, N. J., by the Church.
- Moulton, Orson, Chelsea, Mass., by Carey Ave. Church.
- Moulton, Greenleaf T., Exeter, N. H., by the Church.
- Newcombe, Rev. W. A., Salmon Falls, N. H., by his Church.
- Nightingale, John S., Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.
- Owen, D. E., Newark, Ohio, by the Church.
- Parsons, J. Duane, Springfield, Mass., by State St. Church.
- Peck, Rev. A. C., Lawrence, Kansas, by the 1st Church.
- Philbrick, J. W., Waterville, Me., by the Baptist Church.
- Pierce, J. W., West Roylston, Mass., by self.
- Pointsett, D. B., Sykesville, N. J., by the Jacobstown Church.
- Post, Rev. Ansell Howard, Hutchinson, Kan., by Rev. J. C. Post.
- Prescott, A. S., Fort Wayne, Ind., by the Church.
- Puffer, Herbert C., Springfield, Mass., by State St. Church.
- Pymn, Miss Henrietta, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Benj. L. Warner.
- Randall, John F., St. Louis, Mo., by the 2d Church.

Read, J. Clarence, Fall River, Mass., by 1st Church.

Reichelt, John A., Chicago, Ill.

Riggs. E. C., Townsend, Ohio, by self.

Riggs, E. C., East Townsend, Ohio, by himself. Roberts, E. G., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Strong Place Church.

Rogers, Everett I., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave, Church.

Runyon, Isaac S., Millington, N. J., by the Church.

Sage, A. J., Huntington, Ohio, by self.

Sargent, Rev. O. E., Jewett City, Ct., by the Church.

Shipley, Alfred J., Waterbury, Ct., by the Church.

Spence, James, Waterbury, Ct., by the Church.

Sullivan, Rev. J. Wesley, Chadd's Ford, Pa.; by Brandywine Church.

Sheldon, George W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Snedecor, J. L., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Smith, Daniel, Exeter, N. H., by the Church.
Smith, Mrs. Lydia Ann, Palermo, N. J., by her husband.

Spencer, Matthias, Germantown, Pa., by Church.

Spencer, Miss Louisa J., Canton, Ill.

Stewart, Rev. Carey, Lyona, Pa.

Still, Rev. A. B., Pattenburgh, N. J., by the Church.

Stradley, G. C., Brooklyn, N. Y, by Marcy Ave. Church.

Steelman, Rev. Henry B , North Orange, N. J., by Chas. J. Martin. Tapley, George W., Springfield, Mass., by State St. Church.

Taylor, Mrs. William R, Brooklyn, N. Y. by Herkimer St. Church

Teller, George G., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Thompson, Mrs. Sarah L., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Mrs. B. L. Warner.

Van Brunt, Jesse, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Vaughn, Fred. B., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church.

Wallace, Mrs. F. L., Meadville, Pa., by the Church.

Warlow, Rev. William, Mullica Hill, N. J., by the Church.

Waterman, George, Middleboro, Mass., by Central Church.

Watkins, J. B., Lawrence, Kansas, by 1st Church.

Welles, R. M., Towanda, Pa., by the Church West, Miss Abbie, Canton, Ill.

Westgate, Rev. H. S., Kingston, N. Y., by the

Church.
Whitman, Otis H., Georgetown, N. Y., by the

Church.
Williams, Mrs. Mary Jane, North Orange, N.

J., by Chas. J. Martin. Wisher, Rev. D. W., New York, by the 16th

Witter, N. B., Brooklyn, N. Y., by Marcy Ave. Church,

Wright, Chauncey, Forest Lake, Pa., by self.

Young, Charles E., Camden, N. J.

# TABLE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

	-		PRESIDENT.	-		CORRES	POND	Corresponding Secretary.	RETARY.	TREASURER.	ER.
1832, April 27	N. Y. Or.	Hon.	Thomas Stocks. Rev. Jonathan Going elected	tocks.	Rev.	Conath	n G	oing ele	ected	Wm.Colgate elected	elected
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May 7 & 8	New York	Hon.	Heman L	incoln	Rev.	onath	n Ge	ing		William Cole	ate.
1835, May 4 & 5		Hon.	Heman L	Lincoln Rev. Jonathan Going	Rev. J	onatha	n Gc	ning		William Colgate.	ate.
1836, June 7 & 8	Philadelphia.	Hon.	Heman Lincoln   Rev. Jonathan Going,	incoln	Rev	Jona Tuth	than	Going,		William Colgate.	ate.
1837, April 27 & 30	Philadelphia	Hon.	Heman Lincoln	incoln	Rev	Jona	than	Rev. Jonathan Going,		Runyon W. 1	W. Martin.
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.840, April 28.	New York	Hon.		Lincoln I	Rev. 1	Senj. 1	M. Hi	11			Martin.
41, April 27&28 & May 1	Baltimore	Hon.		incoln	Rev.	Benj. 1	I. Hi	п			Martin.
42, April 26-28	New York	Hon.		incoln	tev.	Benj. 1	M. Hi	Fill		N.	Martin.
43, April 25	Albany	Hon.	Heman	incoln	Rev.	Benj. 1	I. Hi	11			Martin.
44, April 23, 26, 29 & 30	ia		Heman	incoln	kev.	Benj. 1	M. Hi	11		Runyon W.	Martin.
April 29 & May 1 & 2		Hon.	Heman L	incoln	tev.	Benj. 1	M. Hi	11		Runyon W.	Martin.
May 13 & 14	Brooklyn	Frien	Friend Humphrey.	rey	kev.	Benj.	A. Hill	11		Runyon W.	Martin.
May 10 & 11		Friend	d Humph	rey	Rev.	Benj.	M. H	4111		Runyon W.	Martin
May 11		Hon.	Isaac Dav.	sı	Rev.	Senj.	M. H	11		Runyon W.	Martin
May 10		Hon.	Isaac Dav.	g	Rev.	Senj.	M. H			Chas. J. Mar	tin.
May 9		Hon.	Isaac Dav	18	Rev.	Benj.	M. H			Chas. J. Mar	tin.
May 8		Hon.	Isaac Davi	sı	Rev.	Bonj.	M. H			Chas. J. Mar	tin.
May 14-16		Hon.	Isaac Dav		Rev. ]	Benj.	M. H			Chas. J. Martin.	tin.
53, May 13-15		Hon.	Isaac Davis.	18	Rev.	Benj. 1	M. Hi			Chas. J. Mar	tin.
54, May 11-14	Philadelphia.	Hon.	Isaac Davis.		Rev.	Benj. 1	I. H			Chas. J. Mar	tin.
55, May 9	Brooklyn	Hon.	Isaac Davis.	is	Rev.	Benj. 1	I. H			Chas. J. Martin.	tin.
56, May 9 & 10	New York	Hon.	Albert Da	y	Rev.	Benj. 1	M. H			Chas. J. Martin	tin.
57, May 13 & 14	Boston	Hon:	Albert Day.	y		Benj. 1	M. H			J. E. Southworth	orth.
1858. May 14 & 15	Philadelphia.	Hon.	Albert Day	y	700	Benj. 1	M. H	Hill, D.D.		D. E. Whitman.	nan.
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	Providence	:	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D	Eben. Cauldwell.
	Cleveland		Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D	Eben. Cauldwell.
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May 17 &	_	M.B.Anderson, LL.D. 1	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
	Chicago	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	. Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
	New York	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D., Rev. Jas. B. Simmons, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1869, May 19	Boston	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D., Rev. Jas. B. Simmons, D.D.	. Eben. Cauldwell.
1870, May 26	Philadelphia	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D., Rev. Jas. B. Simmons, D.D., Rev. F. F. T. Taylor D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1871, May 20 & 22	Chicago	Hon. Wm. Kelly		. Eben. Cauldwell.
1872, May 23	New York	Hon. J. M. S. Williams	Rev. Jas. B. Simmons, D.D., Rev. F. F. T. Povlov. D.D.	. Wm. A. Gellatly.
1873, May 21 & 22	Albany	Hon. J. M. S. Williams	Rev. Jay. S. Backus, D.D., Rev. Jas. B. Simmons, D.D., Rev. F. F. T. Taylor, D.D.	. Wm. A. Gellatly.
1874, May 23–25	Washington	Hon. S. A. Crozer	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D., Rev. Jay B. Simmons, D.D., Rev. F. F. T. Taylor, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1875. May 27.	Philadelphia	Hon. S. A. Crozer	Nathan Bishop, LL.D., Acting Sec	Jos. B. Hoyt.
May	Buffalo	S. A. Crozer	Nathan Bishop, LL.D.	B
	Providence	Hon. Robt. O. Fuller	Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D.	m'
May 29	Cleveland	Hon. Robt. O. Fuller!	Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D.	Jos B Hoyt.
1879, May 29 & 50	Saratoga Spr'gs Hon.		Wm. Stickney. Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hovt.
May 24 &	Indianapolis		Wm. Stickney. Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	B.

# CHARTER OF THE SOCIETY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society was originally incorporated by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 12, 1843. This Charter was amended Feb. 9, 1849, and further amended April 30, 1877. In its present form the Charter, is as follows:

- § 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become, members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the City of New York, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The American Baptist Home Mission Society," for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.
- § 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed ten thousand dollars; provided, that every such bequest or devise shall be subject to the provisions of the act three hundred and sixty, of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty. It shall be lawful for this Corporation to establish and maintain schools in connection with its missionary work among the colored population of the United States, now generally known as freedmen, and also among the Indians of North America, and for that purpose to take and hold necessary real estate, and to receive, accumulate, and hold in trust endowment funds for the support of such schools, provided that the annual income of real estate and endowment funds held for the use and maintenance of such schools shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars. The net annual income of the said Society, arising from their real estate, other than that held for school purposes, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

§ 3. This Corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the provisions cantained in title third of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

§ 4. This Act shall take enect immediately. § 5. The Legislature may at any time modify or repeal this Act.

# CONSTITUTION.

### NAME.

I.—This Society shall be called the American Baptest Home Mission Society.

### OBJECT.

II.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America

### MEMBERSHIP.

III.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Delegates, Life Members and Life Directors. Any Baptist Church, in union with the denomination, may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Thirty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a Member for life; and one hundred dollars, paid at one time, or a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be requisite to constitute a Director for Life.

### OFFICERS.

IV.—The Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

### MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be fifteen managers, also residing chiefly in the City of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of five members each. The term of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years. At each annual meeting of the Society, after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of the managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot, and continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

VI.—The Treasurer, Auditors, Recording Secretary, and Managers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society, seven of whom shall be a quorum for that purpose. They shall have power to appoint their own meetings, elect their own Chairman and Recording Secretary, enact their own By-Laws and Rules of Order, provided, always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society, during the year, and, if deemed necessary by two thirds of the members, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interest of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensations, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

### DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII.—All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field or purpose shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors or their lawful agents.

### TREASURER.

VIII .- The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

### ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX.—All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries, and Agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

X.—The Society shall meet annually for the election of Officers and Managers, and the transaction of other necessary business, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall

### ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

XI.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been pro-posed in writing, and the proposition sustained by a majority vote, at a previous annual meet-ing, or recommended by the Executive Board.